

**Minutes of the 2008 General Assembly meeting  
held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in Madrid (Spain)**

**This version takes into consideration all comments received from attendees and delegates and will be subject to the General Assembly approval in its 2009 meeting to be held at Rungsted Harbour (near Copenhagen) on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009.**

**Members with rights to vote, attending or represented at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

National 470 Class Associations having sent delegates:

ARG, AUT, BUL, ESP, FIN, FRA, GER, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, JPN, NED, ROU, SIN, SUI, TUR,  
i.e. 17 members present

National 470 Class Associations having sent proxies:

AUS (to SIN), CAN (to ARG), CHI (to ARG), CYP (to BUL), EST (to BUL), MYA (to SIN), NZL  
(to GRE), POL (to FRA), RUS (to FRA), USA (to JPN)

i.e. 10 members represented

Individual members attending the meeting:

HJ Lukman (MAS)

Individual members having sent proxies:

none

**Total number of votes present or represented at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November: 599**

**Other attendees without rights to vote**

Management Committee (MC) members:

Alberto Predieri (President), Marta Weores (First Vice-President), Alain Corcuff (Secretary General),  
Martin Steiger (Treasurer), Dimitris Dimou, Erico Hoffmann, Arthur Thuringer

MC Secretary: Yalcin Gurkan

Invited: Peter Van den Bossche (BEL), partly (for item 7.f.ii)

Checking of attendance and examination of proxies have been performed by Erico Hoffmann and Yalcin Gurkan.

The quorum being reached (14 members present required), the meeting was declared open on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Husa Chamartin Hotel of Madrid (Spain) by the President Alberto Predieri.

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**1) WELCOME AND REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

*(Report of the President: appendix 1)*

Alberto welcomed all the participants. The report had been distributed and thus was not fully read but summarised by Alberto.

Alberto briefed the situation at ISAF about equipment selected for the 2012 Olympic Games. The 470 was chosen for both men and women by the Council. The choice for men was obvious as there was no other candidate. For women the vote was tight with 19 in favour of the 470 and 16 in favour of the 29erXX in spite that, previously, three committees (women, equipment, events) had recommended to the Council to choose the 29erXX. Alberto thanked Marta, Stanislav, Nino, Marco, Victor, Elisa, Tessa, Marcelien and, with a special mention, his wife Susanna who attended the ISAF conference to promote the 470 Class and made this positive vote possible.

Maintaining the 470 for the 2016 Olympic Games will not be easy and Alberto emphasized the urgent need of suitable changes in the 470 Class for better attraction and interest of media. The fields for changes or reinforced actions should be related to the boat herself, the regatta format, the development in new countries, the clinics for sailors and coaches, the user-friendliness of the 470 events ashore, marketing (e.g. the brand name project), media, technologies in 470 events (e.g. tracking system), relationships with the 420 Class, relationships between sailors and management committee members.

Alberto, who had just been elected the day before Vice-President of the ISAF, announced that he would not be involved in the 470 Internationale any longer. He thanked the Management Committee members who had worked with him over the past two years.

He wished all his best for the Class and its future Management Committee and informed the General Assembly that he should leave the meeting soon due to other commitments at the ISAF.

The First Vice-President Marta Weores took over the chair of the meeting according to the Constitution and thanked Alberto for all he had done for the development of the 470 for many years.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF VOTES AS PROPOSED BY THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

Alain Corcuff reported about registration of the members present or represented at the meeting as checked by Erico Hoffmann and Yalcin Gurkan. 17 National Class Associations and one Individual Member present and 10 National Class Associations represented, totalising 599 votes, were registered.

Nobody objected about these figures nor about the Management Committee (MC) decision to appoint Erico Hoffmann and Yalcin Gurkan to check and validate the votes during the meeting.

**3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting held on 7th June 2008 at Riva del Garda that had been circulated among the attendees of that meeting, then posted on the 470 Internationale website and sent to all the Members on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008, were approved but with the abstention of ESP, FIN and GER (i.e. 73 votes out of 599).

4) **MANAGEMENT OF THE 470 INTERNATIONALE SINCE THE 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

a) **REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**

*(Report of the First Vice-President: appendix 2)*

The report, dealing with the sailors' support programmes, had been distributed and thus was not fully read by Marta Weores. Marta stressed that in total 39 crews from 25 countries had been helped through the 470 Internationale's Sailor's Support Programmes ("Andre Cornu's Grant", "Junior Support Programme", "International Solidarity Programme", "2008 Olympic Pathway Solidarity Grant") over the last four years. No question or comment was made on this report.

b) **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

*(Report of the Secretary General: appendix 3)*

The report, dealing with the affiliation of the Members and various administrative activities (communication with the Members and with the 470 sailors, meetings, past Championships results on the Website, figures of participation in 2008 Championships, 2009 Championships organisation), had been distributed and thus was not fully read by Alain Corcuff. Alain stressed that in total 44 National Class Associations and 9 Individual Members (and not 8 as indicated in his report) were Active Members in 2008. He also stressed that all the contracts for the 2009 Championships had been signed with the organisers. No question or comment was made on this report.

c) **REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

*(Report of the Technical Committee Chairman: appendix 4)*

The report, dealing with various technical activities (Class Rules updates, measurement forms, building specifications, archives, in-house certification, new builder's license, Class measurers, measurement issues in 2008 events), had been distributed and thus was not fully read by Dimitris Dimou. Dimitris stressed that the Association should in the future closely work with the ISAF to improve the control of the licensed builders which is under ISAF responsibility and to transform the building drawings owned by the ISAF into digital form. No question or comment was made on this report.

d) **REPORT OF THE OTHER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*(Report of the Webmaster: appendix 5)*

The Webmaster's report, dealing with the creation of the current Website done in 2008 and with the management of the normative e-mail addresses of the Members, had been distributed and thus was not fully read by Erico Hoffmann. Erico stressed that the current Website was easy to update for each Management Committee member, subject to a specific procedure, and that the future Management Committee should take into consideration this aspect if it would intend to develop a new Website.

Arthur Thuringer gave a short and verbal report about the merchandising activities which had been slightly increasing.

No question or comment was made on these reports.

e) **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

*(Accounts for 2007: appendix 6)*

*(Provisional accounts for 2008 as of 31/10/2008: appendix 7)*

Martin Steiger commented the final accounts for the year 2007, which had been distributed to the delegates, showing a positive balance close to 9400 EUR.

Then he commented the provisional accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008, which had been also distributed to the delegates, showing a positive balance close to 9000 EUR. He stressed that this

balance would be reduced and even become negative by the end of the year, as the incomes would be very low in November and December whereas a lot of expenses should be paid, as example for e-Times issuance or for the organisation of the General Assembly meeting.

No question or comment was made on these accounts.

***f) REPORT OF THE AUDITOR ON THE FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2007***

Nino Shmueli reported verbally that he had checked the accounts (both the records and their written proofs) and that he had not noticed any anomaly or irregularity.

He recommended to the General Assembly to approve the accounts as they were presented by Martin.

However, he pointed out that some incomes had not been systematically subject to the issuance of invoices archived by the Treasurer (e.g. entry fees for Championships). He recommended that the future Management Committee should evaluate the need of issuing an invoice for each income, versus the legal obligations to be fulfilled.

***g) APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT DONE BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SINCE THE 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING***

The General Assembly unanimously approved the management of the 470 Internationale done by the Management Committee since the 2007 General Assembly meeting.

***h) APPROVAL OF THE FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2007***

Following the recommendation of the Auditor, the General Assembly unanimously approved the final accounts for 2007 presented by the Treasurer.

The General Assembly asked the Auditor to issue a written report.

The General Assembly asked the future Management Committee to investigate the need to issue an invoice for each income for legal purposes.

***5) ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT FOUR-YEAR PERIOD***

***a) ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT***

Alain Corcuff informed the delegates that two candidatures had been received, from Nino Shmueli (ISR) and from Stanislav Kassarov (BUL).

Nino Shmueli announced his decision to withdraw his candidature.

The only remaining candidate, Stanislav Kassarov, presented himself before the vote, which was done with secret ballots.

Stanislav Kassarov was elected as the President of the Association for the coming four-year period with 579 votes in favour and 20 abstentions.

The new President took over the chair of the meeting according to the Constitution and thanked the delegates for his election.

***b) NUMBER OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

Stanislav proposed to have a Management Committee of 8 members, including himself.

The General Assembly unanimously approved this proposal.

c) **ELECTION OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Alain Corcuff informed the delegates about the 11 candidatures that had been received, namely:

Alain Corcuff (FRA), Dimitris Dimou (GRE), Yalcin Gurkan (TUR), Maria Krahe (BRA), Iulia Negoescu (ROU), Dr. Rudiger Schuchardt (GER), Fernanda Sesto (ARG), Nino Shmueli (ISR), Martin Steiger (SUI), Arthur Thuringer (AUT) and Marta Weores (HUN).

Stanislav expressed the wishes to have a team consisting of Nino Shmueli as First Vice-President, Alain Corcuff as Secretary General, Martin Steiger as Treasurer, Dimitris Dimou as Technical Committee Chairman and Iulia Negoescu, Fernanda Sesto and Marta Weores as being in charge of promotion and development.

Alain Corcuff explained that the vote would take place with secret ballots. No more than 7 names should be written on each ballot for the first round, otherwise the ballot would be declared nil. The names getting the majority would be elected. Then a second round and possibly a third would be organised if needed to get 7 elected people. As at least two continents should be represented within the Management Committee, it might happen that a candidate of South America be declared elected even with less votes than a candidate from Europe.

Yalcin Gurkan being candidate was replaced by Heinz Staudt for collecting and counting the votes, with the approval of the General Assembly.

The results of the first round were as follows:

<b>Dimitris DIMOU (GRE)</b>	<b>578 voix</b>
<b>Alain CORCUFF (FRA)</b>	<b>567 voix</b>
<b>Fernanda SESTO (ARG)</b>	<b>550 voix</b>
<b>Marta WEORES (HUN)</b>	<b>506 voix</b>
<b>Martin STEIGER (SUI)</b>	<b>471 voix</b>
<b>Iulia NEGOESCU (ROU)</b>	<b>441 voix</b>
<b>Nino SHMUELI (ISR)</b>	<b>367 voix</b>
Yalcin GURKAN (TUR)	212 voix
Arthur THURINGER (AUT)	179 voix
Dr. Rüdiger SCHUCHARDT (GER)	75 voix
Maria KRAHE (BRA)	41 voix

The first 7 names (in bold) having got more than 50% of the votes and representing two continents were elected. Thus, there was no need for a second round.

6) **APPOINTEMENT OF THE AUDITORS**

The General Assembly elected Erico Hoffmann (ARG) as principal Auditor (579 votes in favour, 20 abstentions) and Rudiger Schuchardt (GER) as substitute Auditor (567 votes in favour, 32 abstentions) for the next two-year period.

7) **PLANS FOR THE COMING YEARS**

a) **CONSEQUENCES OF THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE ISAF IN NOVEMBER 2008**

The main decision related to the 470 Class made by the ISAF at its annual Conference two days ago was the choice of the 470 confirmed for both men and women crews at the 2012 Olympic Games. There was no other competitor for the men's double-handed dinghy, but for the women's double-handed dinghy there was a competition between the 470 and the 29erXX. The 470 was chosen by 19

votes against 16 for the 29erXX. At the same time, the ISAF decided to create a new event for the ISAF Youth World Championships, open for men and women, sailed on 29er. This showed a global trend to move progressively from dinghies to skiffs, even if the decision made about this new event for the ISAF Youth World Championships secured the choice of the 420 Class for both men and women events at these Championships.

The General Assembly was of the opinion that it would be necessary to make the 470 Class and the 470 events more “media attractive” to maintain the Olympic status within four years for 2016.

Following discussion, the General Assembly decided to set up a project led by Rick Wijngaarden that will investigate and provide recommendations how to handle issues for changes, and will prepare changes if needed, to increase the chance to keep the Olympic status of the 470 for 2016. The main issues to be investigated will be the regatta format and course type and the media relationships, but other issues that could affect the total project should also be investigated. The General Assembly also asked the Technical Committee, under the leadership of Dimitris Dimou, to work on any possible evolutions of the 470 Class aimed at improving its media attractiveness in order to feed the project with sound technical proposals. The Management Committee will be responsible to control the setting up of the project and the progress of its work and to provide resources where needed. The General Assembly expected first concrete actions and tests to be done in 2009. Final reporting of the project will be done to the General Assembly..

**b) “BRAND NAME” PROJECT**

**i. Report about the progress of the work**

Alain Corcuff explained that since the “green light” to the project given by the General Assembly in its extraordinary meeting held in June at Riva del Garda, 6Dvision had sent a draft contract that was still under review between Alberto, Stanislav and himself.

The recent financial and economical crisis would probably impair the chance to find sponsors for this project and thus increase the risk of spending the time and the money of the preparatory phase for nothing.

The General Assembly asked the Management Committee to re-evaluate the risk of the project and to decide accordingly whether or not it would be advisable to finalise and sign the contract.

**ii. Constitution changes necessary to create a subsidiary**

Alain Corcuff reminded that the Association, declared in France, may be exempted to pay taxes due to some criteria to be fulfilled. The Brand name Project should bring an amount of sponsorship fees which would be much higher than the maximum level authorised to keep the tax-free status. It might then be interesting to have the Brand name Project managed by a commercial company, subsidiary of the Association, and subject to taxes in order to keep the tax-free status of the Association for the other incomes as the membership fees. The Constitution should thus explicitly authorised the Management Committee to create such subsidiary when needed.

The Constitution change proposal was to add an article 8.6.(iii) as follows:

***“the Management Committee may create wholly owned subsidiaries of affiliate companies, including for commercial activities, to contribute to the objectives of the 470 Internationale;”***,

and to move the current 8.6.(iii) to 8.6.(iv).

This change proposal is unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

c) **MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**i. By-laws change proposal to enlarge the power of the Management Committee to entrust people to fulfil identified tasks**

Alain Corcuff reminded that, according to the current By-laws Article 4.3, the Management Committee “may entrust non-elected individuals to fulfil some identified tasks, either on a voluntary basis or on a paid basis” but was not explicitly authorised to entrust elected individuals to fulfil tasks on a paid basis. According to the French tax office regulations, it would however be possible to indemnify elected people to do some tasks out of the job for which they had been elected, provided that the indemnification remained below around 1000 EUR per month (net income). This possibility may be used only if explicitly written in the Constitution or the By-laws. This is the rationale for the change proposal to Article 4.3 of the By-Laws.

Arthur Thuringer expressed the opinion that if the General Assembly authorised the Management Committee to ask one of its member to fulfil some additional tasks on a paid basis, the Management Committee might be tempted to entrust this member with the job of the expected Executive Secretary, loosing thus the chance to hire a professional to do this job in a better way.

Rudiger Schuchardt expressed the opinion that it would be strange to allow the members of the Management Committee to vote the allocation of tasks to one of its own members on a paid basis.

Taking into consideration these comments, Stanislav Kassarov stated that he was not aware about this change and proposed to further evaluate its consequences. Thus he proposed not to vote the change proposal and to defer the item to the 2009 General Assembly meeting.

The General Assembly approved Stanislav’s proposal by 346 votes in favour and 253 against.

**ii. Austrian submission to implement a “Sailor’s Council”**

*(Austrian submission: appendix 8)*

Arthur Thuringer presented the Austrian submission which proposed to create a so-called “Sailor’s Council” aimed at collecting sailors’ opinion and wishes and at advising the Management Committee accordingly. The members of the Sailor’s Council would be elected directly by the sailors and one of the member would automatically have a seat and vote within the Management Committee.

Alain Corcuff pointed out that the Sailor’s Council representative might seat in the Management Committee, if so decided by the General Assembly, but could not vote as it was not included in the Constitution and the By-laws and that no formal change proposal to these documents had been proposed for this General Assembly meeting.

The General Assembly approved the Austrian submission except the name of “Council” and the vote proposed for its representative in the Management Committee, with the abstention of AUS, JPN, MAS, MYA, NED, SIN, SUI, TUR, USA (i.e. 189 votes out of 599). The General Assembly asked the Management Committee to finalise the name of this council, to establish it as soon as possible, to evaluate the interest to give a vote in the Management Committee to the representative of this council, and to propose the Constitution and/or By-laws changes accordingly, if any, to the 2009 General Assembly meeting.

d) **FINANCIAL ISSUES**

i. **Budget for 2009**

*(Budget for 2009: appendix 9)*

Martin Steiger presented the budget for 2009 proposed by the Management Committee and mainly based on the previous years.

He pointed out that this budget did not include the extra-budget of 40 kEUR for the “Brand name” project voted by the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting held in June at Riva del Garda.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the proposed budget, with the amendment to decrease from 30 kEUR to 20 kEUR the incomes from the sails buttons/stickers due to economical crisis.

ii. **Annual membership fees**

Martin Steiger presented the proposal from the Management Committee to increase the annual membership fees from payments due in January 2010. The last increase had been decided in 2000 for payments from January 2002. The proposed increase corresponds to an average annual inflation rate of less than 2% over the past 8 years.

Some delegates expressed the opinion that first the current period was not the right one to decide such increase, due to the economical crisis, and second that the Association had no urgent need to increase its incomes.

After discussion, Stanislav Kassarov proposed to defer this proposal to the 2009 General Assembly meeting, which was approved by the General Assembly at a large majority.

e) **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

i. **Class rules change proposals**

**Mast weight correctors**

Dimitris Dimou reminded that the Class Rule change decided last year about trapeze lines (deletion of rope length limit) had not been introduced in the Class Rules, waiting for further investigations about the mast weight. As the issue of too light masts could not be solved with the manufacturers, and to give flexibility to the sailors to modify their rigging, the Technical Committee proposed to authorise corrector weights for the mast.

The proposal would be to add at the end of the Class Rule C.12.5 the following sentence:

***“If the mast is found to be underweight, corrector weights of maximum 300 grams shall be used to make up the difference. They shall be permanently fastened so that no corrector part is more than 200mm from the upper point.”***

The General Assembly approved this change, to be proposed to the ISAF, by 558 votes in favour, 21 against (ESP) and the abstention of FIN (20 votes).

**Measurement of jibs with battens**

Dimitris Dimou reminded that, according to the Equipment Rules of Sailing, the battens should be removed for measurement inspection of the jib, which would be impossible to do. The Technical Committee proposed to specify in the Class Rules that the jibs should be measured with their battens.

The proposal would be to add a Class Rule G.2.1.(b) as follows:

***“Headsails shall be measured with the battens inside the pockets.”***

The General Assembly unanimously approved this change, to be proposed to the ISAF, but with the abstention of FIN (20 votes).

**470 emblems on mainsails for past Champions**

Dimitris Dimou presented the change proposed by the Management Committee to authorise the past World Champions and the past European Champions to carry on their mainsails a gold or a silver 470 emblem on their mainsails instead of the blue one.

The discussion showed that the proposal was subject to some concerns, e.g. about the time limit of such authorisation (for life or a limited time), about the identification of the other continental Champions than Europe, even about the real interest of this change as far as media attractiveness is concerned.

Stanislav Kassarov proposed thus to defer the decision to the 2009 General Assembly meeting, which was approved by the General Assembly, but with the abstention of FRA, GER, POL and RUS (97 votes).

The General Assembly asked the Management Committee and the Technical Committee to further investigate this issue up to the next General Assembly meeting.

**“Pumping rule”**

Alain Corcuff presented the change proposed by the Management Committee. The new Appendix P of the Racing Rules of Sailing applicable from 2008 and which has been included in the 2009-2012 RRS includes now a Rule P5 explaining how flags O and R have to be managed for the application or not of the Rule 42. This procedure is similar to the one described in the current Class Rules, but with a slightly different wording. In order to simplify the Class Rules and to avoid repeating twice the same rules, the proposal would be to refer to Rule P5 in the Class Rule C.1.1.a and to delete the flag procedure accordingly.

The new Rule C.1.1.a would become as follows:

***“The following RRS 2009-2012 rules shall apply as amended below:***

- (1) If the average wind speed is above 8 knots, measured at deck level, the race committee may permit pumping, rocking and ooching after the starting signal. (change of RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c)). The signals will be made according to RRS P5.***
- (2) A trapeze system may be used (change of RRS 49.1).”***

The General Assembly unanimously approved this change, to be proposed to the ISAF, but with the abstention of FIN (20 votes). The General Assembly gave to the Technical Committee Chairman the freedom to decide with the ISAF whether or not the reference to the applicable years of the RRS should be maintain (deleting this reference would avoid changing the Class Rule once every four years).

**Greek submission about the arrangement of the Class Rules**

*(Greek submission: appendix 10)*

Dimitris Dimou presented the Greek submission. Section C of the Class Rules should regulate the use of equipment during races only. Thus all paragraphs related to construction and/or dimensions of equipment should be moved to Sections E (for hull appendages) and F (for rig) and the rules should be renumbered accordingly. Dimitris

proposed that this job should be carried out by the Technical Committee working with the ISAF Technical Department.

The General Assembly unanimously approved this submission, to be proposed to the ISAF, but with the abstention of FIN (20 votes), and gave mandate to the Technical Committee to define the exact changes to be introduced.

**ii. Technical responsibilities of the 470 Internationale and relationships with the ISAF Technical Department**

Dimitris Dimou explained that the ISAF was responsible to deliver the building licenses and to control the builders. Unfortunately the control of the builders is not fully satisfactory to the 470 Internationale, due to lack of time from the ISAF to do so properly. So, Dimitris suggested to propose to the ISAF Technical Department a cooperation with the Technical Committee of the Association to improve this control of the builders.

Heinz Staudt expressed the concern that the technical involvement of the Association would have a cost and that the discussion with the ISAF should include the cost issue.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the proposal made by Dimitris and as amended by Heinz, but with the abstention of FIN (20 votes), and gave mandate to the Management Committee to enter discussions with the ISAF accordingly.

**iii. Further evolutions of the 470 Class**

(refer to item 7.a)

**f) SPORT ISSUES**

**i. Change proposal to Manual Part 1**

Alain Corcuff presented the change proposed by the Management Committee. The Manual explicitly forbids to associate the names of the Championships with the name of sponsors. Only the open event linked with the European Championships or the Junior European Championships may have the name of a sponsor (e.g. in 2008, the Junior European Championships was sailed within the frame of the OTP Banka Cup open to all nations). The proposal would be to allow the organisers to associate the name of sponsors to the name of the Championships.

Stanislav Kassarov proposed to clearly mention in Part 1 that this could be done only with the prior approval of the Management Committee, even if already stated in other parts of the Manual.

Thus, the last sentence of the Article 1.1 of the Part 1 of the Manual would become as follows:

***“Names of these Championships may be associated with names of sponsors, subject to the prior approval of the Management Committee.”***

The General Assembly unanimously approved this change.

**ii. Bids for future Championships**

Alain Corcuff presented the list of bids received for the organisation of future Championships. He specified that no bid had been received for the 2012 Junior European Championships and the 2012 Master's Cup. He also specified that Balaton (HUN) had declared interest in organising the Master's Cup either in 2010 or on 2011, but that no formal bid had been received yet.

The Alain asked the bidders (in brackets) to make a presentation of their bids and to answer questions.

***2010 (or 2011) Junior European Championships (combined with 420), from La Grande Motte – FRA (Alain Corcuff)***

No question was asked

***2010 (or 2011) Junior European Championships (combined with 420) and Master's Cup together, from Nieuwpoort – BEL (Peter Van den Bossche)***

To answer questions from Martin Steiger, Peter specified that the 470 Juniors, 420 Juniors and 470 Masters would have separate racing areas and that Nieuwpoort was ready to welcome the Junior European Championships only if the General Assembly decided not to combine the Master's Cup with..

***2011 (or 2012) Junior World Championships, from the Dutch 470 Class Association, in Medemblik or The Hague – NED (Rick Wijngaarden)***

No question was asked

***2011 European Championships combined with all Olympic Classes, from Helsinki – FIN (Georg Tallberg)***

To answer a question from Alain Corcuff about the relationships between the organisers and the 470 Internationale and about the application of our Manual, Georg specified that the organisers would follow more or less the same organisation frame as applied for the ISAF combined Worlds in Cascais in 2007, but with the group of the Olympic Class Associations playing the ISAF role. Thus the organisers intend to have one framework contract signed with the group of the Class Associations. This would mean for example that the Manual of the 470 Internationale would not strictly apply for the appointment of the race officials as there would be only one panel of judges for the combined event, but the 470 Internationale would have the responsibility of appointing some of the judges to this panel. It might be also possible to consider the possibility of having specific additional contracts for each Class Association for specific requirements which could not be included in the framework contract.

***2012 European Championships, from Largs – GBR (Alain Corcuff)***

Alain Corcuff reminded that Largs had been chosen during the 2007 General Assembly meeting as the venue of the 2011 European Championships. Then Helsinki and Largs entered into discussions and Largs agreed on moving to 2012 to leave the 2011 Europeans to Helsinki if so decided by this General Assembly meeting.

The bid remained unchanged and thus was not presented, but distributed to the delegates.

***2012 World or European Championships, from Bourgas – BUL (Stanislav Kassarov)***

No question was asked

***2012 World Championships, from Travemunde – GER (Rudiger Schuchardt)***

Alain Corcuff raised the point that the bid received (and distributed to the delegates) had offered to organise the event in July within the frame of the Travemunde week and would take benefit of the logistics of this event. As it is not allowed to organise a World Championship so close in dates from the Olympics, Travemunde proposed to move to May, which would not be during the Travemunde week.

Rudiger answered that it would be much easier in May to get a good organisation than within the frame of the Travemunde week.

**iii. Choice of the venues of the future Championships**

*(Championships organisation chart: appendix 11)*

***2010 Junior European Championships (combined with 420)***

Nino Shmueli, President of the International 420 Class Association, informed the General Assembly that the International 420 Class Association would prefer La Grande Motte as their World Championships would be held in Israel on the first half of August and that it would be easier to get then the boats in La Grande Motte for the second half of August than in Nieuwpoort.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to choose La Grande Motte as venue of the 2010 Junior European Championships.

***2011 Junior European Championships (combined with 420)***

The General Assembly decided unanimously to select Nieuwpoort as venue of the 2011 Junior European Championships, without the Master's Cup, subject to confirmation by the 2009 General Assembly after having get the opinion of the International 420 Class Association and a report from the Management Committee about a site visit and a meeting with the organisers to be planned.

***2011 Junior World Championships***

The General Assembly decided unanimously to select the Dutch 470 Class Association to organise the 2011 Junior World Championships. The venue should be chosen by the 2009 General Assembly between Medemblik and The Hague after having get a report from the Management Committee about site visits and discussions with the Dutch 470 Class Association to be planned.

***2011 and 2012 European Championships***

The General Assembly decided unanimously to move Largs to 2012 and selected Helsinki for 2011.

The choice of Helsinki should be confirmed by the 2009 General Assembly meeting, after the signature of the framework contract, to be negotiated by the Management Committee.

The choice of Largs should be confirmed by the 2009 General Assembly meeting, after having get a report from the Management Committee about site visits and discussions with the organisers, to be planned.

***2012 World Championships***

Some delegates expressed concerns about the organisation of the calendar of Grade 1 events and Championships and asked to defer the decision of venue and dates in 2009. Rick Wijngaarden (NED) was on the opinion that some potential organisers had not sent a bid because of the question mark about the Olympic status, and that issuing a new call for bids would bring more offers after the ISAF decision to confirm the 470 for 2012 Olympics. Alain Corcuff pointed out that nevertheless two bidders had been sufficiently confident in the future of the Class and thus the General Assembly would not have any reason not to choose one of them.

After discussions, Stanislav Kassarov proposed to defer the decision to 2009, in spite two good proposals had been received, the time for the Management Committee to make clear the 2012 calendar of events and to issue a new call for bids.

The General Assembly agreed on this proposal with 306 votes in favour, 183 against and 110 abstentions.

**iv. 2010-2012 Championships not yet allocated**  
(*Championships organisation chart: appendix 11*)

***2010 Master's Cup***

Alain Corcuff raised the point that, as a consequence of the no-choice of Nieuwpoort for 2010, there was no longer any official candidate for the 2010 Master's Cup and that the 2009 General Assembly meeting would be too late to choose the venue. He proposed the General Assembly to empower the Management Committee to make the decision.

The General Assembly unanimously agreed on.

***Other Championships***

Alain Corcuff proposed that the 2012 Junior World Championships, the 2012 Junior European Championships and the 2011 and 2012 Master's Cup should be included in a future call for bids to be issued in early 2009 with the 2012 World Championships and the 2013 Championships, for decision by the 2009 General Assembly meeting.

The General Assembly unanimously agreed on.

**v. Dates for 2009-2010 Championships**  
(*Championships organisation chart: appendix 11*)

For 2009, Alain Corcuff informed the General Assembly that the dates of the Junior World Championships in Thessaloniki should be moved from 24 July – 1<sup>st</sup> August initially planned to 10-18 July, on organisers' request. This change should be confirmed by the end of November.

For 2010, Alain Corcuff informed the General Assembly that the Junior World Championships in Qatar should be organised at the end of the year, between Christmas and beginning of 2011, subject to confirmation by the organisers. As far as the European Championships are concerned, Yalcin Gurkan (TUR) expressed the wishes of the organisers to have the event in Istanbul organised in August, but taking into account the dates of the test event in Weymouth, if any, as the same Club would organise the ISAF Youth World Championships in July.

**8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The General Assembly agreed unanimously on the Management Committee proposal to grant the Honorary membership of the 470 Internationale to its past Vice-President Victor Kovalenko, for his long and efficient contribution to the development of the 470 Class.

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The meeting closed at 17:30.

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Secretary General

Stanislav KASSAROV  
President