



International Six Metre Association (ISMA) Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting

held on Monday 21st July 2014
in Falmouth at the Auditorium of the National Maritime Museum

1. Welcome

President Beat Furrer welcomed all the participants. He noted that the Agenda of the present AGM had been published on ISMA's website in due time (June 15th) and stated that he would now follow the Agenda.

2. In Memoriam

The President asked for a minute of silence in memory of **Jean-Pierre Blavec (1934-2013)**, who passed away last year. As SNT Honorary President, we will all remember him as a close friend to our Class and for all the many 6 Metre Championships (French and British Open, Coupe de l'Entente Cordiale and others) he organized in La Trinité.

3. Apologies for Absence

The President reported that Henrik Andersin and Matt Cockburn had sent him his apologies for absence.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Hon. Secretary indicated that the Minutes of the 2013 AGM held in Flensburg had been published in early Autumn 2013 on ISMA's website. In the absence of any comments, the Minutes of the 2013 AGM are therefore regarded as approved and will be signed by the President.

5. Number of votes per national association based on 2013 dues paid

The voting numbers resulting from paid memberships in 2013 had been prepared by Tim Russell, the Honorary Treasurer of the Class until December 31st, 2013. They give voting figures as follows:

Fleet	Boats	Represented by
Denmark	3	
Finland	30	Kari Loukola
France	7	Stefan O'Reilly-Hyland
Germany	11	Thomas Kuhmann
Great Britain	15	Robin Richardson
North America	24	Matt Brooks
Sweden	5	Claes Henningson
Switzerland	20	Beat Furrer
Total	115	

These are the 115 voting rights for the 2014 AGM in Falmouth.

6. 2013 Accounts/2014 ISMA Dues

The 2013 accounts have been approved unanimously.

See Attachment I to the Agenda and the attached written comments provided later by Gail Fishley on behalf of Matt Brooks and circulated at the AGM.

7. President's Report

The President expressed his thanks to:

- the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club for the Europeans,
- the British International Six Metre Association (BISMA) for the Europeans,
- Thomas Kuhmann and Thilo Durach for creating the questionnaire, and presenting the results graphically, with comments,
- Matt Cockburn and Tim Russell for all their useful assistance,
- all attendees participating to the AGM.

8. ISMA Board Governance Proposals

8.1 The Nominating Committee has proposed a new governance structure for ISMA's Board which substitutes, in place of the existing geographical vice-presidencies, four functional VP's as follows:

- VP Moderns,
- VP Classics,
- VP Marketing,
- VP Racing

Consequently, ISMA's by-laws article F.2 would become:

"Four Vice-Presidents shall assist the President and assume his duties in his absence"

Votes: approved unanimously

8.2 BISMA has suggested that, similar to what has been done in other classes, ISMA's governance could benefit from hiring a permanent or "Executive Secretary" who would act as Secretary to the President, the Board in general, including the Technical and Classic Committees; if such is the case the Honorary Secretary as defined in the by-laws could be replaced by the "Executive Secretary". The Executive Secretary would also take over the administration of the Association's finances, under the supervision of the elected Treasurer.

See Attachment II presented by BISMA: "A Proposal for Secretarial Support" posted on the website with the Agenda.

If agreed, ISMA's by-laws article F.4 would become:

"The Secretary keeps the minutes and books of ISMA. The Board upon a proposal by its President has the option of hiring a permanent "Executive Secretary" who would assume the secretarial duties and also act as Secretary to the Classic and Technical Committees. The Executive Secretary will also manage the administration of the Association's finances under the supervision of the elected Treasurer."

Votes: approved unanimously

2014-2016 ISMA Board: Nominating Committee Proposals to be voted upon

Note that the Nominating Committee sent to the President, prior to the AGM, a revised slate which was posted before the meeting on ISMA's website. The following proposals are therefore those of this revised slate.

President

President Matt Brooks (USA)

Votes: elected

Vice-Presidents

Since the new governance structure has been approved, the proposed slate to be voted upon is as follows:

VP Moderns: Johann Larsson (SWE)

Votes: elected

VP Classics: Tim Street (GBR)

Votes: elected

VP Marketing: Thomas Kuhmann (GER)

Votes: elected

VP Racing: Paul Smith (GBR)

Votes: elected

Other Functions

Treasurer: Ismo Hentula (FIN) or,
Christian Teichmann (GBR)

Votes: Ismo Hentula elected

Kari Loukola, who was present at the meeting, confirmed that he will provide ISMA with a list of all Finnish owners with their details and postal address.

Technical Committee:

Chairman: David Pedrick (USA), or
Hank Thayer (USA)

Matt Brooks made a short presentation of Hank Thayer for all attendees and suggested the possibility of a co-chairmanship of the TC by David Pedrick and Hank Thayer.

Votes: David Pedrick re-elected

The President asked David Pedrick to make sure that in the future he will be an active TC chairman, dealing in a timely fashion with the priorities and issues facing the TC.

Members: David Pedrick (USA), Hank Thayer (USA),
Ian Howlett (GBR), Guy-Roland Perrin (SUI),
Greg Stewart (USA), David Chivers (GBR),
Jussi Mannerberg (FIN)

An additional proposal was made from the floor that Tim Russell should also be considered a candidate for membership of the Technical Committee

Votes: all proposed members were elected including Tim Russell.

Classic Committee

Chairman: Tim Street (GBR)

Votes: elected

Members: Peter Hoffman (USA), Esko Kilpi (FIN),
Eric Jespersen (CAN), Tim Street (GBR)

Votes: all elected

Nominating Committee

Chairman: Henrik Andersin (FIN)

Members: Thomas Kuhmann (GER)
Toby Rodes (USA)

Votes: all re-elected, with Henrik Andersin acting as chairman

Classic Newsletter : Thilo Durach (GER)

Votes: no vote took place since it was agreed that this was not an elected appointment. However Matt Brooks indicated that Thilo Durach has agreed he will in future produce the newsletter of the Association as well as continuing the Classic Newsletter.

All details of the Board members will be published on ISMA's website at: www.6metre.ch

9. ISAF WORLD CUP Issue

Tim Russell made a presentation of the current situation of our Class with respect to ISAF's regulations concerning the World Cup issue. He reminded all of the constraints resulting from the above regulations, in particular in terms of the number of boats required (20 Classics and 20 Moderns if there are two entries and therefore two starts); he indicated that a discussion had been initiated in 2014 with ISAF in order to have ISAF review these numbers, notably for safety reasons among others, while suggesting that the International Six Metre Class could benefit from the same numbers applied to the Eights (12 instead of 20).

He added that the Class was now waiting for ISAF to respond to our query and that he will continue to follow up this matter as he has been asked by the President to do so.

Kari Loukola (FIN) stated on behalf of the Finnish Association that the Finns wanted to keep two separate starts for the Moderns and Classics in 6 Metre regattas.

Stefan O'Reilly-Hyland expressed his concern with the coming 2015 International Six Metre World Championship and the necessity to have a positive solution agreed with ISAF by the end of 2014, if possible, as the Preliminary Notice of Race will have to be published by then.

See Attachment III to the Agenda prepared by Tim Russell «Issues for World Championships»

10. World Cup Deed of Gift and European Championship Rules

Upon the initiative of Matt Cockburn and in liaison with Tim Russell, both have prepared a much needed updated version of the World Cup Deed of Gift.

Proposal to reword above Deed of Gift as per the proposed updated version of the Deed of Gift posted with the Agenda as Attachment IV

Vote: Yes, unanimously

Proposal to let the Secretary under the supervision of the Board make the equivalent changes and accordingly reword the European Championship Rules

Vote: Yes, unanimously

11. Marketing & Communication

Thomas Kuhmann first reminded all of the reasons for the questionnaire, expressed his thanks to the 53 people who filled in the questionnaire and then summarized the main points resulting from it as follows:

- the outcome of it is very clear: the Class wants to move into new communication media and style while making savings,
- the Class is aware we have an ageing problem and therefore needs to attract younger people; there are a number of ideas that could be implemented accordingly,
- the whole issue being quite complex, he proposed to take 3 to 4 months to first lay down the steps and actions to be taken and then present them to Matt Brooks involving Thilo Durach in this work together with someone from Scandinavia and the US.

Matt Brooks indicated:

- he would ask each VP to be on the team with Thomas Kuhmann,
- he agreed to Thomas Kuhmann's ideas,
- he wanted to be an 'inclusive' president for the Class,
- he set a date of no later than October 31st, 2014 for Thomas Kuhmann to present a future communication policy.

12. Technical Committee annual report

No report from the Technical Committee was received prior to the AGM. However David Pedrick has circulated a number of copies of a report to the attendees and then made some brief comments with respect to some of the points appearing in this report which is attached to the present Minutes.

Andy Ash-Vie made some remarks regarding in particular the specification of the circumference of the 30 metre anchor in line in terms that appear today as terribly obsolete.

David Pedrick said he was aware of that problem that had been discussed with ISAF some years ago with no result, and said he would work on having it replaced by a more appropriate solution.

13. Classic Committee annual report

The President expressed all his thanks to Tim Street, who attended the AGM, for his annual report of the Classic Committee

See Attachment V.I "Annual Report" to the Agenda, prepared by Tim Street

Matt Brooks, in turn, said he would expect for next year's AGM a joint recommendation from both the Technical and Classic Committees on the subject of 'replicas'.

See Attachment V.II "Replicas" memorandum to the Agenda, sent by Matt Cockburn.

14. Classic Six Metre Newsletter

Thilo Durach advised that the next newsletter will soon be published.

15. Other questions to be voted upon

Championships

Worlds 2015 - La Trinité, France.

Decided 2010

Dates: 29 May – 5 June

There will be warm up races on May 30 and 31. SNT will open a special page on its website in early November 2014 dedicated to the event.

Europeans 2016 - Brunnen, Suisse

Decided 2011

Dates given by Beat Furrer: warm-up event 8 – 10 July
Europeans 11 – 20 July

Worlds 2017 - Vancouver, Canada

Decided 2013

Dates given by the Canadians: 28 July – 4 August, to include the North American Championship
on 29 and 30 July.

The Canadians provided all participants with a leaflet about the event and also advised that discussions are being held with sponsors on several issues including transportation

Europeans 2018 - Sweden (Nynäshamn)

Proposed - official letter from the Yacht Club still to be received.

Vote: Yes, Sweden confirmed

Worlds 2019 - Hangö Segel Förening (HSF), Finland

Europeans 2020 - no proposal so far received

16. Queen Christina Nations Cup 2014

No information available, but Robin Richardson indicated that the UK could not host it this year.

17. Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy

The President said that he proposed to award the Trophy to Matt Cockburn for all the most valuable input and contribution Matt has brought to the Class over the years.

Trophy awarded to Matt Cockburn

18. Future sailing events

2016 - 150th anniversary of the Royal Danish Yacht Club (KDY).

KDY is planning a 6 Metre event during its jubilee, but no specific information has been received so far.

Stefan O'Reilly-Hyland

Past Hon. Secretary

31st July, 2014