

IACA World General Meeting

June, 2010

Congrega Velisti Cesenatico

AGENDA

Welcome

1. President Report
2. Secretary Report
3. Economic Report and presentation of accounts and budget – Proposals to allocate funds
 - a. Proposal of SACA
4. Membership Fees
5. National Association and Fleet Reports¹
6. Selection of venues for 2012 Worlds and Euros (Written proposals to IACA President and to IACA Secretary have been sent according to IACA Rules)
 - a. Admission to votation of AFCCA application
7. Proposals, received by the Secretary from National Associations, ISAF or other institutions.
8. Election of I.A.C.A. Committee Members
9. Regulatory and Technical Affairs (Alterations in the I.A.C.A. Constitution, Championship Rules, Ballots etc.)
 - a. Housekeeping rules
10. Various

¹ Each National Association will be represented at the WGM by its President or President delegate as notified to I.A.C.A. in writing

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Cesenatico, Italy, 30th June, 2010

Meeting opened at 09:42 by President, Stefano Sirri.

Present: Stefano Sirri (ITA - President), Pieter Saarberg (NED - Secretary), Ian Johnson (AUS - minute secretary), Murray Philpott (NZL), Michael Tobler (SUI), Ben Hall (USA), Georg Reutter (GER), Burkhard Brandstaetter (AUT), Nigel Lovett (GBR), Gianluca Mini (SMR), Arno Terra (NED), Thomas Paasch (DEN), Marco Gaeti (ITA), Jean Louis (FRA), Phillippe Muyzers (BEL), Abdon Ibanet (ESP), Jacek Noetzel (POL) also present Chris Field (GBR), Mike Drummond (NZL), Helmet Stumhofer (GER), Nevco Sarta (GER), Pier Faccin (ITA)

1. Presidents report.

Stefano welcomed all to the meeting, especially Poland our latest Nation.

The winter period has been very busy, especially with ISAF communication where an agreement has been made on the payment of the ISAF plaque fee, even though ISAF have shown they don't have a great interest in multihulls.

The class currently have strong numbers with many boats changing hands and people joining from other classes.

The organisation of the Worlds has been demanding for the organisation and we have had maximum (or near maximum) numbers at our last 3 Worlds.

2. Secretarys Report & Financial Report.

Piet Saarberg reported we now have 893 members from 19 Nations.

Bank balance €38,158 at 09/04/10. The account is increasing at approximately €3300 each year due to minimum costs.

Payments from the Nations have been later than 1st January each year. IACA committee have decided to be stricter in the future with allocation of places to Euro and World championships.

Several proposals on how to spend some money to help promote the class were put forward.

- SUI proposed to allocate € 2,000 to each W.C and € 1,000 to each Continental championship to help organising committee.
- AUS proposed € 6,000 per year to support container costs for next 5 years.
- BEL proposed to spend money to build prototype with Spinnaker.

Discussion followed and BEL proposal rejected as this was a change to class rules.

Agreed to combine AUS and SUI proposal to allocate € 6,000 per W.C for the use of organising committee and container costs. Countries to request money from IACA and IACA to determine how organising committee should use money.

Voted in favour: AUS, NZL, SUI, USA, ITA, BEL, FRA, SMR, DEN, GBR, ESP.
Carried.

3. Membership Fees.

A discussion was held on membership fees. It was agreed to leave at €4 per member.

4. National Fleet Reports.

Due to time constraints at meeting these reports were by-passed and National reps asked to submit report for minutes. Thank you to those who responded.

AUS – Excellent participation at Nationals (51) and State championships (average 30). 12 at W.C and more would have liked to attend.

NZL -. 30 enthusiastic sailors sailing regularly. Looking forward to 2014 Worlds in Auckland. to attract new members.

GBR –

ITA –

IRL –

AUT –

SUI – Membership not increasing at this stage due to centreboard uncertainty.

FRA –

GER – In Germany the fleet is quite healthy with around 135 members. (slightly decreasing over the years) The best Sailors are Bob Baier (European Champion 2009) and Matthias Dietz (Great Grand Master 2010). The national ranking includes 65 Sailors. There are 16 regattas for it in Germany. The national championship 2010 will be held at the beginning of September in Scharbeutz / Baltic Sea.

ESP –

NED –

DEN – The Danish fleet is still growing at a steady pace, so now the total number of members is 15, and 10 of them are racing. Organizing races together with other classes helps spreading the awareness about the class, and articles on national yachting sites helps promoting the class.

The main focus right now is on the 2011 Worlds in Aarhus. The dates are set to the 13th – 20th of August. A website is set up www.a-catworlds2011.dk, and more information will follow.

BRA –

5. Future Events.

2011 Worlds will be held in DENMARK.

DEN – 13-20th Aug. Aarhus, Bay of Aarhus, protected waters. Consortium of 5 sailing clubs. Kalovig Sailing Centre. Harbour, slipway and beach access. Clubs have run ISAF Youth Worlds in past. Large container port nearby. Plenty accommodation as holidays have finished. City council has pledged 65,000 Euros to hold event. See proposal on IACA website. Still yet to determine exact location of headquarters for event.

2012 Worlds:- Presentation by USA.

Proposed to hold in Sep at Long Beach or Nov in Florida. USA competitors favour Florida due to venue facilities and weather.

NZL and AUS indicated they were not in favour of Florida due to going back to same venue within 5 years.

USA have plans to address the lack of support boats in past event,

Agreed the event will be held in Florida.

2012 Europeans – Proposals from BEL, ESP, SUI, FRA.

BEL: Proposed for Krochinize – JULY - inland near harbour of Zebuse. Protected water. Wind 10-16 knots, accommodation plentiful but not cheap due to holiday season.

FRA: Proposed for Lake Sanguinet NW part of lake. Sea breeze light to moderate. End June – Accommodation 11 km away.

ESP: Same location as EC2007. End JUNE. Inner harbour, protected waters 10-15 knots. Plenty accommodation within walking distance.

SUI: Proposal for Torbole, Lake Garda. Regular good winds. 3 clubs combined to provide resources. The SUI champs 2010 will be run at same venue, end July.

Discussion on each of the venues with overwhelming support for SUI proposal. Discussion and voting followed for time frame of event as SUI proposed either of 1st week June, last week June or last week July. Agreed with **48 votes for last week June** with 35 votes for last week July.

2013/14 Worlds:- Presentation by NZL.

Very professional presentation from NZL to hold event at Takapuna, Auckland. Stable sea breezes 12-15 knots. Same venue as 2008 Tornado Worlds.

After some discussion it was agreed to hold event in first **week of January** to line up with Christmas holidays.

6. Election of Office Bearers.

President : Stefano Sirri

Secretary: Pieter Saarberg

Committee: Thomas Paasch, Ben Hall, Murray Philpott

7. Proposals.

Discussion point from Ben Hall USA to think about increasing the number of competitors at W.C to run Gold and Silver fleets. This item was tabled as a way to get people to think about this proposal for the future and come up with ideas. There was a lot of positive re-action from the meeting.

Suggestion raised to look at proposals to create a committee to look at changes required to championship rules and maybe increasing minimum wind strength to 5 knots. Possible change to finishing configuration and updating to current ISAF rules. Standardise sailing instructions. Those present voted in favour of increasing minimum wind strength to 5 knots. Stefano to request volunteers for working committee.

FRA proposed IACA should have an official ranking list to determine places allocated to E.C and W.C. based on those who compete at major regattas rather than just financial members. This matter to be given some thought and raised again at Denmark meeting. PS distributed a report from SUI. The box rule has been dealt with and alterations made to the class rules to clarify the measurements.

Meeting closed : 12:05

World Championship report: Cesenatico, Italy.

Entries: 100

Nations: 17

Continents: 3

World Champion: Glenn Ashby (AUS)

Junior Champion: Jack Benson (AUS)

Masters Champion: Luc Du Bois (SUI)

Grand Masters Champion: Chris Cairns (AUS)

Great Grand Masters Champion: Matthias Dietz (GER)

Ladies Champion: Nicole Salzmann (AUT)