

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club, England at 19.45 hours on Friday 25th August 1989

PRESENT:-

Mr. Howard Hamlin, International President
Mr. Leslie Everitt, International Secretary
Mr. Steve France, International Treasurer
Mr. Jack Edwards, International Rules Committee
Mrs Valerie May, International Measurer
60 Members (approximately)

1. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1988

These minutes had been distributed to National Secretaries in the usual way and no matters relating to the accuracy of the minutes had been raised, were adopted on a proposal by John Livingstone (USA) and seconded by Bob Sutton (USA).

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, MR. HOWARD HAMLIN

Firstly I should like to welcome you to the 33rd International annual general meeting of the Association. I am sure you will all join with me in offering our sincere thanks to our British hosts for arranging the current Championships. There are many involved, but must thank Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club, The British 505 Association, and the sponsors especially Haymills the major sponsor.

The Association finances are sound, showing a profit in 1988 after the losses of the last years. These will be explained by Steve France in the Treasurers report. Next year with the production of the new measurement rule book our reserves will be greatly reduced. As the membership has not grown the Associations income remains static, costs have increased so if a projected loss over the next few years is to be avoided, ways of raising revenue must be considered. This will be considered in item 5 of the agenda.

Finally I must thank all the Committee who do so much to maintain the 505 at the forefront of dinghy sailing.

4. REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, MR. LESLIE EVERITT

I am pleased to report that the membership remains constant, however looking around the meeting most of the faces appear the same as the last few years. We must encourage new young members before they are enticed away to the double trapeze classes. During the run up to a World Championship an early reply to my letters would greatly assist in the allocation of places to the championship to enable the maximum number to attend.

Finally I must thank Val and Jack for all the help and support they have given over the past year and look forward to seeing you all next year at Kingston.

5. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT MR. STEVE FRANCE

Steve France outlined the 1987 and 1988 accounts, distributed to the members present. At the Sydney AGM the 1988 accounts were only draft copies and were not approved. The figures for the year show a deficit of £1068 this is mainly due to the travelling costs to Australia.

Rob Napier (UK) proposed that the 1987 accounts be approved, seconded by Marcel Buffet (FRANCE).

Peter Colcough (UK) proposed that the 1988 accounts be approved, seconded by Jack Edwards (UK). Both proposals were carried unanimously.

The 1988 accounts show a surplus of £2038, however it must be pointed out the travelling expenses were very much lower and the Secretary reduced his honorarium by £400.

Proposals for subscription changes

Steve France said that with the underlining trend of stagnating membership and reducing boat registrations, the association would be running a deficit in the next few years.

1. The International Executive Committee proposed with effect from the 1st January 1990 :-

a. Annual subscription shall be increased from £3.50 to £5.00

b. New boat registration fees shall be increased from £20.00 to £35.00.

2. Resolution proposed by the British Association with effect from 1st January 1990.

a. The annual subscription shall remain at £3.50

b. Boat registration fee shall be increased from £20.00 to £25.00.

c. There will be a subscription charge by way of levy on each sail measured after 31st December 1989 payment for which shall be evidenced by the fixing of a button to each sail on or before measurement.

Jack Edwards and Valerie May supported the British proposal and explained the sail button system and how it would operate. A large number of the successful classes operate sail button system and how it would generate sufficient revenue to keep subscriptions at their present level. A large number of the top worlds members were against the buttons, saying that they could be changed too easily from sail to sail and that the sailmakers would add extra for attaching the buttons.

The two proposals were put to the members present and proposal 1 from the I.E.C. was agreed by a large majority.

HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT. MR. MAURICE DOBEYN

Mr. Maurice Dobyen sent his apologies. His report said that he had reviewed the financial statements, together with the relevant supporting documentation, in respect of the financial years ending 31st December 1987 & 1988. He said they fairly present the financial position of the Association and its income and expenditure for the years under review.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There being no other nominees, Mr. Leslie Everitt (Secretary), Mr. Steve France (Treasurer) and Mr. Maurice Dobyen (Auditor) to be re-elected for a further year, proposed by John McLaren (UK), seconded by Rob Napier (UK) and carried unanimously.

7. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1990 Kingston - Ontario - Canada 18th August to 1st September 1990
 Preliminary information was handed to members present and Jeff Miller (USA) on behalf of the Canadian Association informed all that plans were progressing well. The 1989 North American Championships, held on the same course area were very successful with a good variety of winds.

1991 Marstrand, (Sweden),

Johann Wadmark - President of the Swedish 505 Association handed out information and answered questions about the event.

A proposal from the American Association to hold the 1992 Worlds.

Jeff Miller (USA) said they would be held in Santa Cruz USA July - August and gave a brief description of the area, the facilities available and wind conditions etc.

The members agreed unanimously.

The proposal from the German Association to hold the Worlds at Kiel in 1993 with the Kiel Week Regatta being used as the pre-World event the World Championships would begin the following week. This was deferred to the next meeting in Canada.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1990 Quiberon, France. 30 June - 7 July

Huguette Buffet handed out information and said that the early dates should allow time for the European containers to arrive in Canada before the Worlds.

8. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE, MR. JACK EDWARDS

Jack said the amendment to Measurement Rule 12 to be put to postal ballot if agreed would allow crews who sailed in dry suits to be weighed in the condition in which they arrived back on shore. A large number of members felt that it was unfair to weigh dry under garments wet as under the present rule. After a lengthy discussion it was put to the members who voted 30 against and 14 for the proposal.

The amendment was defeated.

Jack then outlined the work the Committee had achieved to date.

1. The rewrite of the Class Rules and Measurement form, these were distributed to all National Secretaries last February. A new measurement procedure which starts on 1st January 1990. using the new Rule & Measurement book.

2. Over the past few years Val has been checking National templates when attending major championships worldwide. Measurement procedures are also being checked so as to obtain uniform measuring worldwide.

A more detailed report will be sent to all National Secretaries in the new year.

10. A.O.B.

Christian Lippi said that the Executive Committee should prepare a budget to be presented at the next AGM.

Les Everitt

International Secretary.