

# **IACA World General Meeting Minutes**

**October, 2012**

**Islander Resort**

## **AGENDA**

Welcome

1. President Report
2. Secretary Report
3. Economic Report and presentation of accounts and budget – Allocation of IACA funds
4. Membership Fees
5. National Association and Fleet Reports<sup>1</sup>
6. Election of I.A.C.A. Committee Members
7. Selection of venues for 2014 Euros
8. Proposals, received by the Secretary from National Associations, ISAF or other institutions.
9. Regulatory and Technical Affairs (Alterations in the I.A.C.A. Constitution, Championship Rules, Ballots etc.)
  - a. Championship rules
    - i. Alteration of point 6 f) "number of races for a series" and Appendix 3 proposed by Australia and France
    - ii. Alteration of point 6 f) "number of discards" and appendix 3 proposed by Australia, France and New Zealand
10. Various
  - a. Debate on rigid wing proposed by France

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

The meeting was held in 2 sessions over 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October.  
First meeting was called to elect a committee following the resignation of President Stefano Sirri and also to discuss the race format for the coming week taking into account the expected weather conditions.

Present at Meeting:

AUS – Ian Johnson, Graeme Harbour, Andrew Landenberger – both meetings  
GER/SWI – Rainer Bohrer – both meetings  
DEN – Thomas Paasch – both meetings  
NED – Arno Terra, Piet Saarberg – both meetings  
USA – Kevin Grice, Carla Schiefer – both meetings  
CAN – Fred Smith (21/10)  
ITA – Pierre Riches (21/10)  
NZL – Murray Philpott (21/10)  
USA – Ben Hall, Bob Webbon (21/10)

Piet Saarberg (stand-in President) opened meeting and explained the situation and called for election of office bearers.

The following people were elected .

Andrew Landenberger – **President** (nominated AUS, Seconded NZL)  
Ian Johnson – **Vice President** (nominated Andrew Landenberger, seconded DEN – this appointment made at meeting of 25<sup>th</sup>.)  
Piet Saarberg – **Secretary/Treasurer** – nominated CAN, seconded USA

The following committee members and respective positions were then elected.

Graeme Harbour (AUS) – **Auditor, Chairman Technical Committee**  
Thomas Paasch (DEN) – **Web master**  
Manuel **Calavia** (ESP) – Euros 2013 Rep  
Murray Philpott (NZL) – Worlds 2014 Rep

Members of the Technical Committee appointed:

Carla **Schiefer** (USA) – **Chief Measurer**  
Bob Hodges (USA)  
Luc de Bois (SWI)  
Thomas Paasch (DEN)  
Murray Philpott (NZL)  
Mike Drummond (NZL)  
Guido Schulte (GER)

Discussion around the format of the racing. It was decided to run with only one fleet as the weather forecast of high winds would see a number of sailors left on shore and the one fleet start would be easier (under the conditions) for the race committee to control.

Meeting closed to re-convene on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Second Meeting opened by Andrew Landenberger at 10:18 25<sup>th</sup> October.  
Issues dealt with as per circulated agenda.

**President's report** from Stefano Sirri tabled as sent via email.

*Dear Presidents*

*I'm sorry to inform you that I've decided to resign from IACA President office*

*As written in the minutes of the 2011 WGM report, I've informed all National Representatives of my will to stay in charge for a couple of years only, basically until the 2013 WGM in New Zealand*

*At this stage I've a new challenge at work; my company merged with two others and "unfortunately" I've been advanced, so I've really less time for A Class  
Moreover I've been in charge since 2005.*

*In these seven years a lot of work have been done, with a great help from many members. Constitution has been reviewed and updated, Championship Rules has been clearly established and the Class is now "full" ISAF International Class.*

*We have also managed the "hydrofoils affair" in a very smart way, granting the Class a great development*

*Now I think it's time to give A Class a new Commitee. I see many challenges for the future and I think that the Class need "fresh blood" to face them, maintaining the spirit of a development class*

*Now, according to IACA Consitution point 6.4 the Secretary will act as President until the 2012 WGM where a new President shall be elected and will remain in charge until 2015 WGM*

*I've no names to nominate for the next meeting, but I'm sure you will find the best men to lead the Class*

*I thank everybody for their work, and I kindly ask you all to inform your members*

*See you on the water*

*International A Class Association*

*Stefano Sirri - President*

Landy thanked Stefano and all the committee members for the work they had done in the past year. There are still a number of **outstanding issues** over the year and Landy would like to see all these tabled so we can work on them as a committee and get some resolutions made via email. He asked for all National Presidents to return a list of issues to him by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Landy also talked of the need for a **4 year plan**, not necessarily to change the class but to address future plans and direction for promotion of the class.

**Secretary Report ;** Piet Saarberg spoke of the incoming emails for changes to championship rules as per agenda items. Also letter for **2013 Euros** from ESP confirming dates for Barcelona as 22-29<sup>th</sup> June.. Submissions also received from FRA and SWE for **2014 Euros**.. Resignations letters from Stefano Sirri (Pres) and Dieter Melcher (Auditor). Little or no help from **ISAF** – still difficult to deal with.

**Treasurers Report:** Piet indicated we have a bank balance of 34962.52 Euros. A balance sheet from Dieter attached.

I.A.C.A. Accounting  
 Bookings 01.01.2011 - 31.12.2011  
 Currency: EUR

Date: 13. August 2012 DM/OS

<b>BALANCE SHEET 31.12.2011</b>				
<b>Acc. No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>ASSETS</b>			
1000	Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
1001	Rabo Bank NEL	38,314.23	39,956.14	-1,641.91
1002	AUS Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
1300	Transitories	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total ASSETS</b>	<b>38,314.23</b>	<b>39,956.14</b>	<b>-1,641.91</b>
				0.00
				0.00
<b>2</b>	<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
2001	Provisions events	0.00		0.00
2300	Transitories	0.00		0.00
2800	I.A.C.A. equity previous year	39,956.14	36,979.96	2,976.18
	<b>Total LIABILITIES</b>	<b>39,956.14</b>	<b>36,979.96</b>	<b>2,976.18</b>
	<b>Profit / Loss</b>	<b>-1,641.91</b>	<b>2,976.18</b>	<b>-4,618.09</b>
	<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>38,314.23</b>	<b>39,956.14</b>	<b>-1,641.91</b>

**PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT 2011**

Acc. No	Description	2011	2010	Difference	Remarks
<b>6</b>	<b>INCOME</b>				
6001	Memberfees	3,160.00	2,838.00	322.00	*
6003	Sponsoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6102	Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6201	Bank interests	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6202	Event income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6203	Other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6204	Gain on receivable accounts or exchange rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>3,160.00</b>	<b>2,838.00</b>	<b>322.00</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
4101	ISAF fees	246.50	230.75	15.75	**
4102	Support National Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4103	Support events	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4104	World Championchips	2,336.00	0.00	2,336.00	***
4105	Continental Championchips		0.00	0.00	
4108	Sponsoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4201	President expenses	2,146.00	0.00	2,146.00	****
4202	Secretary expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4204	Other memberexpenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4301	Bank interests	73.41	68.92	4.49	
4401	Mailing / phone	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4402	I.A.C.A. homepage	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4403	Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4501	Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4601	Other expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4701	Loss on receivable accounts or exchange rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Piet indicated container subsidies for 2011 were still outstanding for AUS and 2012 outstanding for AUS and GER.

Piet also moved a motion that no further container subsidies should be paid after these as it was a drain on the bank account. All present voted **to abolish these subsidies** and have the money spent on upgrading Internet web pages and promotion of class.

GER requested a financial budget be presented for coming year.

Secretary also asked to monitor the National Fleet membership against the National Championship entrants to ensure all Nations paying appropriate fees.

**Subscription fees** discussed with idea to increase subscriptions to cover costs of regatta expenses and provide GPS trackers and advertising to promote class better to the sailing world. Proposal to increase subscriptions to **10 Euros per member**, effective 1/1/13. Accepted by majority. **SWI** and GER against.

**National Fleet Reports:** Received from AUS, DEN, FRA, **SWI**. Please send reports to ian.m.johnson@bigpond.com

**2014 Worlds** – These will be run at the Takapuna Boating Club in Auckland NZ between 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**2014 Euros** – Proposal from FRA and SWE. Decision delayed to be made via email ballot after both applications are vetted to ensure the venues can adequately cater for the event. Arno Terra volunteered to put together a check list to help vet proposals. Vote to be taken around 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012.

There was a discussion regarding venues for future events and suitability of sailing at resorts where all sailors can be accommodated together. Arno and Landy will look at suitable venues for future proposals.

**Championship Rules:** 2 proposals for AUS/NZ tabled regarding number of drops per series and total number of races.

Landy suggested we leave as is. Arno suggests 10 races with no reserve day and 2 drops after 9 completed.

Discussion then moved around the fact that we are in a limbo mode with the next championships being open and possibility of split fleets which changes the dynamics of the scoring systems. Landy suggested we should be able to determine the Gold/Silver split prior to the event, either with National rankings or a short series prior to Worlds.

Both proposals on the table were rejected at this stage so we have time to look at current situation and suitable scoring systems.

**Wing Masts:** FRA want to ban solid wing sails.

This was rejected **unanimously** as the feeling of the meeting is that we are a development class and embrace development until such time as it is felt to be detrimental to the class.

#### **General Business Action Items:**

Discussion on the current ban on angled straight boards being outside the box rule. It was proposed that this rule should be discussed within the Technical committee.

Web site to be upgraded as a priority. Thomas Paasch tasked to do this. Web pages to be upgraded and made more accessible. Office bearers and contacts to be put on web site. Measurement guidelines & Championship Rules to be put on web.

Principle of Open Events to be reviewed at NZ WGM.

Discussion on GPS units and what we should do in the future. This item to be addressed via email.

Due to safety issues EPIRBs or Trackers should be worn by the person rather than placed on boat.

USA pointed out that USA insurance companies will not give more than \$350,000 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability, so this needs to be taken into account when running events in USA.

The World perpetual Trophy is in need of repair. The trophy will be sent to Ben Hall to come up with some ideas on how we can streamline the trophy to make it easier to transport and also re-vamp.

Landy thanked all those for their attendance. Meeting closed 12:25.

World Champion – Mischa Heemskerk (NED)

Master – Bret Moss (USA)

Grand Master – Murray Philpott (NZL)

Great Grand Master – Graeme Parker (AUS)

Junior – Blair Tuke (NZL)