

# INTERNATIONAL 505 CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting

Held at St Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, California, USA  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 9:15am.

**Present:-** *President: Malcolm "Pip" Pearson, Sarah Withall, Carter Jackson, Jeff Robinson, Ian Gregg, Peter Alarie, Peter Funke, Douglas De Couto, Lasse Andereason, Jan Saugmann, Guy Rittger, Rob Waterman, Aaron Ross, Jens Findel, Xaier Detappe, Lars Dehre, Nicolai Volchemo, Brian Haines, Jan Sell, Iredesik Tasche, Lnehart Tasche, Niebke Gewinn, Johannes Tellen, Martin Hodgson, Dennis Surtees, Earle Alexander, T Sclacheh, Jonathan Ross, Matthew Bowden, James McAllister, Michael Babbage, Tyler Moore, Ian Burford, Bill Summersides, David Christie, Kevin Cameron, Paul Mitchell, Sam Haines, Jonno Bannister, Gareth Williams, Paul Von Grey, Skip Whyte, Patrick McGale, Pierre Jean Garard, Ian Pinnell, Neil Fulcher, Sandy Higgins, Nick Deussen, Peter Chappell, Edward Conrad, Matt Hansen, Paul Marsh, John McLean, Jack McLean, Bryce Penfold, Mike Smith, Neil Long, Mick O'Donnell, Craig Thompson, Jeff Nelson, Geoff Evenson.*  
**( 61 Members in Total)**

**Apologies:-** *Secretary - Peter Roos, Treasurer Stephen Burwood and I.R.C. Chairman, Rob Napier*

1. **Minutes** from the 2008 Annual General Meeting held at Palermo, Sicily  
P Alarie (USA) moved that the minutes as circulated and published on the website be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.  
Seconded J Saugmann (DEN)  
Carried.
2. **President's Report** – Malcolm "Pip" Pearson  
Pip did not present a written report this year, but re-iterated that the issues he raised in his President's report last year were still foremost in his mind and were issues that the class should address.  
Pip advised the meeting, that immediately prior to his departure from Australia to attend these Worlds, he received an email from Don O'Donnell advising that Don had resigned as Chief Measurer.
3. **Secretary's Report:-**  
No report presented this year.
4. **Treasurer's Report:-**  
As per attached
  - The Treasurer noted that the 2008 debtor amounts have been reduced, due to builders being followed up for outstanding amounts payable to the Association that builders had collected from owners and had not previously forwarded on to the Treasurer.
  - Sarah Withall (AUS) noted that the Statement of Financial Position / Balance Sheet did not provide comparatives for the previous 3 years?

Paul Von Grey (USA) moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted  
Seconded:- I. Gregg (AUS)  
Carried unanimously

## 5. Auditors Report – Comments.

- Bob Franks (AUS) reported the audit is currently in progress but was held up due to issues with the Excel file that was forwarded to him for the Audit.
- The Auditor has raised the following question regarding the Audit: requires advice if the International Association is incorporated? If it is incorporated - in which country?

## 6. Appointment of auditor

- Bob Franks (AUS) was re-elected as Auditor for the 2010 year.

## 7. Report from Chairman International Rules Committee

- No report presented this year.

## 8. Election of officers:

- International Secretary - P Roos re-elected un-opposed.
- International Treasurer - Stephen Burwood re-elected un-opposed.
- Chairman of Rules – R Napier had previously indicated that he would like to stand down from this role,  
A nomination had been received by the Secretary from the German Association nominating Andreas Jungclaus for this position in accordance with Rule A7.2  
It was moved Earle Alexander (AUS) that the nomination be accepted  
Seconded Terry Scutcher (GBR)  
Carried unanimously
- It was moved Earle Alexander (AUS) and seconded Terry Scutcher (GBR) that due to the sudden resignation of Don O'Donnell, the Deputy Chief Measurer - Bill Summersides from Australia be appointed to the role of International Measurer .  
Carried unanimously

## 9. Rules Changes

Proposed the for the following class rule to be removed:

Rule 8.4.3: the number shall be displayed symmetrically on the front side of the **spinnaker**. It shall be displayed wholly below an arc whose centre is the head point and whose radius is 40% the mean length of the two leeches and wholly above an arc whose radius is 60% of that dimension.

- German Association moved that this rule be removed
- Seconded ??????
- Carried unanimously

10. **World Championships 2010 – Aarhus Denmark**

A report has not been received from the Danish association regarding the progress of the organisation or any other information regarding the regatta

Jan Saugmann who is not part to the Organising Committee provided a brief description of the regatta venue and what can be expected.

Jan suggested the best means of information is for members to monitor the 2010 Website.

11. **World Championships 2011 – Hamilton Island, Queensland, Australia (Carter Jackson)**

Carter Jackson showed a short DVD of the venue and the sailing area with footage of the 2008 Australian 505 Titles. This presentation was similar to the presentation at Palermo last year.

Carter advised that the dates for the event would be late March to early April 2010.

Dates would be confirmed as a matter of urgency and be published on the website as soon as possible.

Carter Jackson moved that the 2011 Worlds be held at Hamilton Island Australia,

Seconded M Cooper

Carried unanimously

12. **World Championships 2012 - La Rochelle, France**

As advised at last years AGM, the President confirmed that he had been approached by the La Rochelle Yacht Club to host the 505 Worlds in 2012.

Although the Class does not normally confirm Worlds venues more than 2 years in advance, it was considered reasonable to make a commitment to La Rochelle as the Worlds had not been held in France since 1999.

La Rochelle is such a popular venue for major regattas the Club needed confirmation this far in advance to secure the 505's Worlds in their schedule for the summer of 2012.

13. **World Championship 2013 - Port Elizabeth, South Africa (Peter Funke)**

- Peter Funke from South Africa proposed Port Elizabeth as a venue for the 2013 Worlds. Peter stated that Port Elizabeth is a safe city and would be affordable for people to attend.

He pointed out that the South African fleet is currently trying to build their 505 fleet numbers and a Worlds in South Africa would greatly assist this aim.

The meeting resolved that the South African Association put together a firm proposal with suggested dates for 2013 for presentation at the AGM in Aarhus next year.

- President Pip, advised the meeting that the IEC had been approached by a Senator of the Barbados Government, enquiring as to whether the 505 Class would be interested in holding a World Series in Barbados.

Pip requested an indication from the meeting as to whether the Class should pursue the matter.

( The Barbados Government is actively attempting to promote International sporting events in Barbados. The Fireball Class have their World Championships there next year)

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The meeting showed strong support for Barbados as a possible venue for 2013, and has directed the IEC to seek much more detail in regard to subsidies, shipping, accommodation etc. and time of year and to report to the AGM in Aarhus next year.

## 14. General Business

### Tyler Moore – Carbon Masts

Tyler Moore sent the IEC a submission regarding Carbon Masts and has requested them to take this further and spec out the class requirements for a Carbon Masts in order for this to be taken to builders to get firm costs of Carbon Spars before the Denmark Worlds, instead of merely getting peoples “opinions”.

C Jackson pointed out this has been done previously and a number of masts were constructed in Australia and presented at the Fremantle worlds in 2002.

General Discussion on the matter indicated most in the room were in favour of considering carbon masts (due the number of breakages that could have been avoided at the current worlds).

The comment was made that it is unfortunate that matters of this nature must go to an International Ballot to implement change and that these decisions can not be made by those who spend the time and money to attend worlds.

The question was asked and the point made - Can the class see themselves using aluminium spars in 20 years time?

Comment: There needs be incentives for builders to develop masts for the class i.e. a preferred supplier program for a fixed period of time.

#### **Action:**

The meeting resolved that IEC be instructed to proceed with Tyler’s proposal.

To obtain the data that Carter Jackson has previously prepared on this topic and prepare a recommendation for Carbon Masts at the AGM in Aarhus in 2010.

### Paul Von Grey – Guidelines for the Measurement Process

Paul Von Grey has submitted to IEC concerns regarding the measurement process and the lack of consistency and quality control of the measurement process.

Due to the lack of quality control we have a number of boats from builders that have been supplied without measurement certificates and boat numbers.

This is possibly due to measurers lack of understanding of how to measure a boat and therefore it has not been done on the delivery of the boats.

Paul would like all of the countries measurers to have a training session/measuring symposium to ensure that all boats world wide are measured consistently and accurately and that the builders comply with their obligations.

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It was suggested that the cost of travel etc be partly funded by the International body and the relevant National Associations.

### **Action:**

1. Bill Summersides is to prepare a guide "How to Measure a 505", Paul Von Grey has an old guide that can be updated for this purpose.
2. IEC is to set up guidelines and outcomes for a measuring symposium; these should include the desired outcome of consistent measurement process. The measuring symposium is to occur prior the 2010 world titles.

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:00am**