

# INTERNATIONAL 505 CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Association held on Tuesday, 3rd August at the Kaloevig Sailing Centre, Aarhus, Denmark at 19:00

### Present

Malcolm "Pip" Pearson, President; Andreas Jungclaus, Chmn IRC; and 133 members. Apologies for absence from the secretary and the treasurer.

### 1. Minutes of 2009 AGM.

The minutes of the meeting held at St Francis YC on 17th September 2009 had been circulated. Earle Alexander (AUS) moved they be accepted, seconded by Tom Bojland (DEN). Approved *nemine contradicente*.

### Matters Arising.

The chairman reminded members that a proposal from Barbados to host the Worlds in 2013 had been well supported at the 2009 AGM. This item would be carried over into agenda item 11.

### 2. President's Report

President: Malcolm "Pip" Pearson spoke briefly about the class rules and the need for guidelines on rule flexibility. He said that having an open World Championship has been healthy and successful. Some countries had seen a decline in attendance at national championships in recent years - UK, FRA, US and AUS, but that Germany had shown an increase.

He expressed concern that the 'standard' boat is becoming too expensive and complicated. He would prefer 'as level a playing field' as possible, but retaining the flexibility that we like.

New registrations 2006-2009: 27, 24, 25, 37.

Finally, he thanked Rob Napier, who was not present when he resigned from the committee at the 2009 AGM, for his work for many years on the IRC, and latterly as its chairman.

### 3. Secretary's Report

No report.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the treasurer, Rob Napier read the treasurer's report and circulated the accounts, as attached.

The accounts show a surplus of £1633, following a deficit of £1564 in 2008 which had been caused largely by costly web site development that year. Rob Napier (GBR) proposed acceptance, seconded by Mike Holt (USA). Approved *nem. con.*.

### 5. Appointment of Auditor

Pip Pearson proposed Bob Franks (AUS) be reappointed as auditor - approved *nem. con.*. Bob commented that the 2009 accounts had not yet been audited.

### 6. Report from the International Rules Committee



for the Aarhus AGM. He reported that only the previous day Russell Miller from the USA had offered to provide technical information. He proposed that the relevant data be collected by 2011 for decision in 2012. No formal vote was taken but the proposal met with general approval.

#### **9. World Championship 2011**

Earlier in the week Carter Jackson (AUS) had made a presentation on Hamilton Island, Australia. Dates confirmed: 22 March - 1 April 2011. Full details on the web site [www.505worlds2011.com](http://www.505worlds2011.com).

#### **10. World Championship 2012**

Xavier Broise (FRA) introduced Matthieu Gougeon (FRA) who gave a detailed update on plans for the 2012 World Championship at La Rochelle:

13-27 July 2012.

Winds 10 - 25 kn, quite shifty. Sheltered by islands from the worst weather. 200 boats possible. GPS tracking (with sponsorship)

Accommodation: university rooms will be available, in addition to camping, renting, etc.

The French Nationals 2011 will be held at the same venue, 8-11 July 2011.

#### **11. World Championship 2013**

##### **11.1 Proposal received from Port Elizabeth, South Africa.**

Peter Funke (RSA) gave a presentation including a tourism DVD, slides, and a video of the 2010 505 event at Algoa Bay. He emphasised the modest price - an all-in price is proposed to include a trip on the lay-day to a game park. February 2013 suggested, Jan/Mar also possible.

##### **11.2. Proposal received from American YC, Long Island Sound, USA.**

Doug McKeige from AYC described the club and its excellent facilities and long experience of big regattas including the 505 N.Americans. Sponsorship - SAP and/or others. October 2013 proposed. 14 years since Worlds held on E coast USA. Many competitors would be billeted locally. Half-hourly trains to downtown NY. In answer to a question, he assured us that customs control would not be a problem.

##### **11.3. Proposal from Barbados YC, Bridgetown, Barbados.**

The chairman introduced Senator Peter Gilkes, Peter Marshall from BYC, and Andy Davies, secretary of the Fireball Association.

Andy Davies said how successful the Fireball Worlds had been in late April/early May 2010, and spoke on the finances, airline and shipping deals, the race management, and the marvellous sailing conditions.

Peter Marshall showed slides of the club.

Senator Gilkes wound up by saying that the Barbados government was strongly behind the proposal, and would make all efforts to ensure that the event went smoothly.

There was some discussion on dates. The hosts would be flexible, but recommend April/May 2013.

It was agreed to vote on these three in two stages - first a three-way vote allowing

two votes per member, then a two-way vote between the top two.

Stage 1: Port Elizabeth 41; American YC 49; Barbados 60+.

Stage 2: American YC 24; Barbados 80+.

The proposal from Barbados was accepted, the Executive Committee to finalise the dates with the hosts.

There being no further business, the President thanked all those in attendance for their enthusiasm and perseverance under the circumstances with the poor light, and declared the meeting closed at 10:50pm.