

INTERNATIONAL TORNADO ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE TAKAPUNA BOATING CLUB, TAKAPUNA BEACH,
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2008

Apologies: Per Axel Rahn, Jurgen Tieman, Richard Allen,

Quorum: The President asked for support from the meeting that a quorum was in attendance. The quorum is twenty-five members; the attendance is well in excess of eighty members.

Minutes of the AGM at Cascais: approved on a show of hands by the members.

President's Statement

The President's opening remarks were directed to the general issues surrounding the possible elimination of the multihull from the 2012 Olympic Games. In addition he asked for the general support of the Class members to promote the objective of re-instating the Class to the 2012 Olympic Games.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer' Report was tabled.

Motion: subsequent to the election of a new Treasurer that Eckhardt Kaphengst audit the accounts of the ITA. Proposed by Justus Wolf, seconded by John Lovell, and carried.

Technical Committee

Charlie Ogletree summarised the activities of the Technical Committee. The ITA committee appoints members; the Technical Committee makes recommendations to the ITA committee. A number of recommendations have been made to the ITA committee during the past year. Measurement of mast deflections is uppermost in the minds of membership; a programme of check measurements is to be undertaken at the 2008 World Championship in Auckland

The approved sailcloth list is frozen for a year. The ITA Technical committee evaluates sailcloth submissions and recommends to the ITA committee. Changes to MAXX and Flex cloths were approved to allow the option for members to use crosscut sails.

Centreboards were considered. The GO/NO GO gauge is now formally used to check the dimensions of the centreboards as specified in the Class Rules.

Ballots

No ballots on technical matters or Class Rules are anticipated until after the 2008 Olympic Games.

Motion: the incoming Committee appoint an Auditor to the results of ballots. Proposed by Leigh McMillan, amended by Justus Wolf, seconded by Mitch Booth and John Lovell, and carried.

Elections

Motion: the ITA Committee shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting with all the members of the previous Committee remaining eligible for re-election. Moved by Justus Wolf, seconded by Fernando Echavarri. Carried by a greater than two-thirds majority with one abstention.

John Lovell moved to change the restrictions on nominations of officers from the AGM meeting floor. The President ruled this out of order.

Motion: the retiring President, Michael Grandfield, proposed the following election of officers, seconded by Leigh McMillan and Charlie Ogletree:

- President-elect: Carolijn Brouwer
- Vice presidents: Darren Bundock, Kostas Trigonis
- Secretary: Patricia Kirschner
- Treasurer Gunnar Struckmann
- Committee Members: Fernando Echavarri, Leigh McMillan, Oskar Johansson, Niko Mittelmeier

Carried unanimously by the meeting.

The office of ITA President is vacant until ISAF confirms the election of the President–elect Carolijn Brouwer.

Adjournment: the AGM was adjourned until Friday 29 February 2008, but not closed.

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CONTINUATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Quorum: The quorum is twenty-five members; forty members are in attendance for the continuation of the Annual General Meeting.

Other Business

General discussion ensued regarding the reversal of the November 2007 ISAF decision dismissing the multihull from the 2012 Olympic Games.

A number of submissions to ISAF are planned:

- ITA Submission to the May meeting of ISAF by 12 March 2008
- ITA Submission to the May meeting of the Equipment Committee by 15 March 2008
- ITA Submission to the November meeting of ISAF, if required because of an adverse decision in May

Motion: 50,000 Euros of ITA funds be set aside to assist the promotion of the Tornado catamaran by the ITA at the May and November ISAF meetings in Qingdao and Madrid respectively. These funds are to be directed to travel expenses and promotional materials. Proposed by John Lovell, seconded by Will Howden, and carried.

Motion: Roland Gaebler organise ITA promotional material for the May meeting in Qingdao. Proposed Kostas Trigonas, seconded by Charlie Ogletree, and carried.

Motion: Every second year a yearbook be published. Proposed by Justus Wolf, Kostas Trigonis, and carried.

Motion: That the ITA become affiliated with the International Multihull Council. Proposed by Carolijn Brouwer, seconded by Justus Wolf, and carried.

Motion: That Michael Grandfield and the ITA Committee request an interpretation on the validity of the ISAF Council votes for Olympic event selection for the 2012 Olympic Games. Moved by Darren Bundock, seconded by Bruce Kendall, and carried.

After consultations with the Chairmen of the Constitution and Equipment Committees it was advised there was no impediment to the President-elect (Carolijn Brouwer) being confirmed as President.

Motion: That Carolijn Brouwer vest immediately as President of the ITA, Proposed by Glenn Ashby, seconded by Michael Grandfield, and carried.

Motion: That Michael Grandfield be appointed as Commodore of Honour of the ITA. Proposed by Justus Wolf, seconded by Gunnar Struckmann, and carried.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.25 pm 29th February 2008.

J A Goldsmith,
Minute Secretary to the Annual General Meeting