

ITA AGM 2nd Sept 2009 19:00

Circolo Vela Toscana Moderno, Lake Garda, Italy

Present:

Committee:

Darren Bundock
Carolijn Brouwer
Kostas Trigonis

Minutes:

1) Apologies:

Gunnar Stuckman
Patricia Kirchner

2008 Minutes Approved:

Minutes taken by: John Ready

2) Presidents Report (Carolijn Brouwer)

a. Maintaining Olympic status

- i. ITA committee approach to ISAF passionate about the boat
- ii. Attended 3 ISAF meetings, with strong ITA attendance
- iii. Overall feeling from ISAF gained a lot of respect over the last 18 months campaign
- iv. ISAF have grown to know ITA better
- v. ITA taught the ISAF about the boat and ITA learned about ISAFs approach
- vi. Momentum established for multis generally within ISAF, get the multihull in first and then fight for tornado
- vii. Equipment and technical committees both voted for 11th medal as a multi should the 11th medal be reinstated
- viii. ITA feel that multi is a realistic 2016 games goal
- ix. Quite probably men and womens multi will be a future ISAF talking point
- x. ITA felt ISAF wanted one-design Tornado
- xi. ITA placed a sail tender for this and selected a manufacturer

b. Class Website

- i. ITA apologise for poor state of website
- ii. Various issues from ITA.org website
- iii. New website www.tornado-class.org
- iv. Thanks to Andy Dowley for taking this over
- v. Better communication to the class should now improve

c. Future championships

- i. Disappointment over cancelled Euros at Weymouth
- ii. Insufficient entries caused cancellation
- iii. Travemunde GER has offered to host Worlds 3rd Week July 2010
- iv. Euros to be held in Austria in May or June 2010

3) Treasurers Report 2009

- a. Read by Roland Gaebler on behalf of Gunnar Struckman
- b. Apologies from Gunnar
- c. Took over from Jurgen Tienman May 2008

- d. Balance was invested in Money Market funds over the last year.
 - e. Would like to ask the new treasurer to find a new safe investment for the ITA funds
 - f. 17 Aug 2009 Bal 66,551.59 (Euro)
 - g. Accounts proposed for approval by Carolijn Brouwer
 - h. Seconded Kostas Trigonis
 - i. Approved, motion carried
- 4) No Ballots
- 5) No Motions
- 6) Auditor
- a. Proposal to continue with Eghart Cuphangst
 - b. Proposed by Carolijn Brouwer
 - c. Seconded by Heiko Sohle
 - d. Approved, motion carried
- 7) Commodore of Honour (no nominations)
- 8) Retirement and election of officers
- a. President
 - i. Nominations: Jurgen Tienmand & Roland Gaebler
 - ii. Vote: for Jurgen Tienman 7
 - iii. Vote: for Roland Gaebler 43
 - iv. Abstentions 11
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Kostas Trigonis
 - ii. Carolijn Brouwer
 - c. All voted for as 1 slate: (No other nominations, hence accepted un-opposed)
 - i. Treasurer
 - 1. Gunner Struckman
 - ii. Secretary
 - 1. Patricia Kirchner
 - iii. Committee Members
 - 1. Andrew Dowley
 - 2. Niko Mittlemier
 - 3. Oscar Johansson
 - 4. Paul Mines
 - 5. Darren Bundock
- 9) New Presidents address (Roland Gaebler)
- a. Sailing 25years on Tornado
 - b. ITA VP for 8 years previously
 - c. 2007 ISAF vote was a big surprise
 - d. ITA acted to rebuild Torando image in Madrid
 - e. Political turnaround has occurred within ISAF
 - f. ISAF president Goran Petersen trusted to lobby for us at the Berlin IOC meeting, however this did not happen. GP did not attend.
 - g. We should promote our class our image and move forwards
 - h. Carolijn is well connected in ISAF
 - i. We have sailed too much and not paid enough attention to the politics in the past.
 - j. Carolijn did a fantastic job, thankyou
 - k. Politics are frustrating.
 - l. Tornado should promote itself in images, videos and nice events
 - m. In Nov 2011 the 2016 Olympics decision for sailing events occurs

- n. 10 Tornados in Russia and Greece, we have many international fleets
- o. We have to bring these fleets together in our major championships
- p. Must invite over seas teams to these regattas and provide charter boats
- q. We must work more on our press work also
- r. We must show ourselves as the leader of the multihulls and the tornado as the perfect Olympic class boat. The F18 Class has agreed to work with us for mutlihulls back in the games
- s. One design question: we should go this way,
- t. The one design sail costs are better value for money
- u. This improves accesability
- v. Tornado is not as expensive as perceived outside the class since the quality of the boat is so high
- w. I want a ballot on this one-design sail issue, its my focus
- x. We should co-ordinate our European races better, overlapping regattas are bad for the class.
- y. We are all weekend sailors now.
- z. We must have a good race committee and good fun also.
- aa. Maybe we should re-instate the champions race, we are planning this in Hamburg (already agreed) and Austria (in discussion)
- bb. The TV stations didn't ask about Olympic status, they liked the class and wanted to report on it.
- cc. We must bring the weekend sailors in more
- dd. We must co-ordinate the international associations better
- ee. The fun and long distance races are a great way to promote our class.
- ff. With overseas world championships in the future we should try to keep the costs down through sponsorship etc

10) Q&A

- a. DB (Darren Bundock) Onedesign sails costs
 - i. we sent out an open tender
 - ii. Sails must be 100% one design, guaranteed pricing for 4 years
 - iii. Consistent quality and proven performance and good distribution
 - iv. We had 10 submissions
 - v. Technical committee recommended 3
 - vi. Unanimously went for Ullman
 - vii. Price much cheaper
- b. DB the one design issue should be put to the class as a ballot
- c. DB there will be a grandfathering clause but maybe not with Worlds and Euros
- d. DB One design proposal was the Jib and Main from Fernando 2007 Worlds winning suit
- e. DB The spinnaker was proposed as the 2008 Games winning spinnaker
- f. DB Battens: Bottom 4 standard top 4 light and heavy weigh set (to cater for differing crews also)
- g. DB: other items such as booms etc should be balloted through the class

11) Any Other Business

- a. Heiko Sohle would like the Worlds infrastructure ie: bins, restrooms etc to be improved from the Garda Worlds via Sailor feedback
- b. RG: this is important. Usually this has been done via contracts in the past.
- c. RG: There are still some accounting questions from the Mike Grandfield period.
- d. RG: please make this points via Patricia Kirchner
- e. RG: We should sell a media package with our World Championships to help promote the class, working with the venue and professional media companies

- f. RG: We will in the future have this
- g. KT: We need to bring the young sailors back to the class via clinics at events
- h. KT: we need to use our best sailors as the clinic teachers for 1 or 2 days at each event
- i. KT: we need to figure out how we can maintain our 'global status' through encouraging charters to overseas teams
- j. RG: German TA wants to attend youth champions ships as a way of promoting the class, this has worked well in the past. The ITA will support this with money.
- k. RG: if we had more countries sailing the tornado in the games, we would then have more countries to vote for us at ISAF.
- l. RG: ITA Will support you if you have youth test sailing day ideas.
- m. Paul Mines: We need to understand how good or bad things are locally at your clubs.
- n. KT: Greece has 11 boats, but our nationals have all 11 present. AUS Nationals had 15 boats in a 20 boat fleets
- o. PM: The UK Euros failed because UK sailors don't like Weymouth as a venue and felt 'left out' by ITA
- p. KT: I will always sail Tornado, we must not allow our Egos to get in the way of promoting our class and loving our sailing
- q. RG: You can make a fantastic race with 10 -15 boats, if you do it the right way and the media love it and so do the media. We can still make it action packed and make sure that you race in front of other people, so that they can see how good the boats are.
- r. RG: If there are good venues which suit these ideas for us to arrange these kinds of venues please tell us.

12) Lessons learned from the last 12 months

- a. KT: a new area explored was politics. We found good advice difficult to find.
- b. DB: we learned a lot about ISAF and its working methods. We must attend each ISAF meeting in order to keep the ISAF guys aware of what we do and to make those relationships. This is why we are not Olympic now
- c. CB: When we went to our 1st ISAF meeting in Quigdao in May 2009. We think we come with a good view from the playing field which the ISAF guys are separated from. The ISAF members did get to know us better and understand more of how great our boat and class are. We gradually gained respect from the ISAF members and some better understanding and relationships.
- d. CB: ISAFS general opinion now is that they made a mistake in June 2007. 2 years is not along time and we need to continue to politic better. We need to continue to be better represented as a class and as a discipline.

13) DB: Constitution on Website:

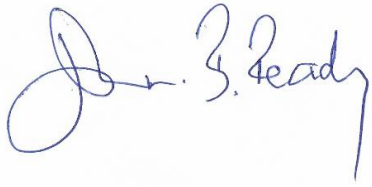
- a. There are 2 versions of it on there. We need to pick a version to work from and disregard the old one.
- b. Proposed DB
- c. Seconded KT
- d. Passed unanimously
- e. Approved, motion carried

14) DB: Euros cancellation costs

- a. Class to refund approx 1000 Euro for RUS cancelled Euros costs
- b. Heiko Sohle proposed to give committee discretion on this issue.

15) Annual General meeting closed.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Ready". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'R'.

John Ready
Minute Secretary of the ITA AGM 2009