

**MINUTES OF ISMA GENERAL MEETING
PORTO ROTONDO
15 SEPTEMBER 2004**

1. Bernard Haissly (BH) opened the meeting and greeted all participants.
2. BH was elected to chair the meeting and Christer Salén was appointed to keep the minutes.
3. The following nations were present :
 - Great Britain represented by Bill Green 16 votes
 - Finland represented by Leo Reenpaa 17 votes
 - France represented by Pierre Paul Heckly 6 votes
 - Germany represented by Thomas Kuhmann 2 votes
 - Italy represented by Marina Carpaneda 1 vote
 - Sweden represented by Christer Salén 27 votes
 - Switzerland represented by Beat Furrer 10 votes
4. BH submitted the accounts and reported on the activities of the Committee over the past year and the proposed budget for the coming year. He also brought up the question of financing and suggested that the class adopt a system used in the 5.5 meter class whereby the main source of income for the class is generated by a fee charged on new sails.

After some discussion it was agreed that this method would be a good one, however, it was felt that some ISMA fee should still be maintained in order to be able to determine the number of active boats in the various fleets. It was agreed that a detailed proposal be worked out and taken to a mail vote.

5. BH noted the passing away of Bruce Owen and Carl Bösiger and after making a short homage to them and paying tribute to the important role they placed for the class, all present stood in honour and remembrance of them.
6. The accounts and the report were unanimously approved. It was mentioned that although ISMA News had been produced with very limited cost to ISMA, thanks to Beat Furrer, it is important that proper financing has to be secured for the future.
7. C.-G. Piehl presented the program for the World Cup in Sandhamn 2005. The schedule will be: 20 July Tune up Swedish Championship; 21-23 July International Swedish Championship; 23-25 July Measurements; 25 July Tune up/Measurements; 26-30 July World Cup. Considering that it is the 150-year jubilee for KSSS and the centennial jubilee for the Swedish Yachting Association, one expects extra strong participation and festivities.
8. Venues for 2006 and 2007 were discussed. Patrick Fredell suggested that instead of moving the fleet continuously between various locations sometimes with no or very small local fleets, the class should seriously consider finding a permanent home and that Porto Rotondo would be an excellent choice.

After long discussions and an adjournment of the meeting (to get some sailing done), it was decided that the Classics should hold their European Cup in Finland 2006 while the Moderns would accept the invitation to go to La Trinité in France. The Classics will also be invited to La Trinité. The pros and cons of separating the Classics and the Moderns were discussed and the consensus was reached that splitting should be the exception and not the rule. It was decided to accept the invitation from the Royal Yacht Squadron to hold the 2007 World Cup in Cowes in connection with the centennial celebration of the International meter rule. This event will be held together with the 12's and possibly other meter classes.

9. The ISMA board was unanimously re-elected for another two-year period.

10. It was decided to accept the proposal by Ian Howlett on the use of exotic materials as presented in ISMA News 1/2004.
11. The question of measurement certificates was discussed. It was felt that their duration should be prolonged and that new certificates should only be necessary as a result of major repairs or when the ownership of a yacht changes. Otherwise measurement certificates should be checked at World Cup and European Cup events. It was decided to accept this proposal.
12. The Classics have advised BH that they do not wish to table any proposal on sail restrictions for the time being.
13. A proposal to allow GPS onboard during races was discussed. It was tabled and will be discussed again in Sandhamn.
14. Tim Street was awarded the Jean-Pierre Otero Trophy for his eminent work for the Class and in particular for the Classic-Newsletter

sig. Bernard Haissly
ISMA President

sig. Christer Salén
for the minutes

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