

# **MINUTES**

## **ISMA - Annual General Meeting 2003**

Saint Tropez  
June 18<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was called to order by Class president Bernard Haissly at 0910 hours.

Hans J. Oen was appointed secretary for the meeting.

National representatives of more than half of 70 paying members are present, quorum established.

The President' report was submitted and accepted.

Treasurer's report distributed and accepted without discussion.

European Championship 2004 is to be held at Porto Rotondo, Sardinia.

The Italian National representative informed that the racing will take place in late September or early October. Preference was expressed for September. The representative will advise the Class of actual dates.

World Championship 2005 is to be held in conjunction with KSSS 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Sandhamn, Sweden. Dates are expected to be in July.

European Championship 2006. Written requests have been submitted by NJK, Helsinki and also Kiel has indicated interest. Hango Yacht Club, Hango, Finland is expected to submit as well. Final decision will be taken no later than the 2004 AGM

World Championship 2007. A joint Meter boat regatta in Scotland is still under consideration in conjunction with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Rule. Some discussion took place as it is now reported that the event may clash with the next America's Cup racing. The assembly decided to leave this decision till a later date pending further development.

An update and revision of the Class By-Laws was distributed.

After discussion and some minor changes to the revised document, it was voted upon and passed. As an alternative to further alterations of Paragraph "E" of the By-Laws, it was agreed that due to increased activity in the "modern" and the Classic groups, issues should be voted upon by using the mail vote system and that such votes shall take place twice a year

The President emphasized that collection of ISMA dues is solely the responsibility of the National Secretaries.

The topic of annual dues for the 2004 membership year triggered a lively discussion. It was decided that the fee be set at Euro/US Dollars 100.

During the last membership year individuals have submitted various proposal specifically relating to the “Classics”. A sail materials limitation proposal has originated from Finland and a Definition of Classics from USA. The assembly found that these issues require further study, research and discussion and referred same back to the “Classics” for handling.

It was generally agreed that the Class should give the Race Committees for sanctioned ISMA regattas, more flexibility while running races. Such can only be obtained by a closer working relationship between the ISMA management and the Organizing Authorities.

Ian Howlett presented a written suggestion referring to materials used by the 6mR Class and a clarification thereof. The AGM was generally in agreement with Mr. Howlett’s views and the matter is referred to the Technical Committee for further handling and proper wording of Rule change proposals etc.

A new Class achievement trophy was introduced in the memory of Jean-Pierre Otero. The president called for a moment of silence. The first recipient of the award was Beat Furrer, for his contributions and efforts in developing the ISMA News.

Luigi Favese donated a new trophy, which shall be awarded to a new category of 6mR. The trophy is meant to encourage owners of post 1965 (non-Classics) and non-winged-keel boats, to participate in sanctioned regattas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1015 hours.

Respectfully submitted  
Hans J. Oen