

**Minutes
of the Annual General Meeting
of the
International Six-Metre Association
Held at Flensburg Sailing Club, Glucksberg, Germany
on 13th June 2006**

Present:

Tim Street (Acting Chairman)
Henrik Andersin, Vice-President
Claes Ahlin, Vice-President
Beat Furrer, ISMA News Editor
Hans J. Oen, Vice-President (Acting Secretary)
and
Fifty-one other Owners and Associates.

1. Attendance

As Acting Chairman, Tim Street called the Meeting to order at 09.40 hrs and explained that in the unavoidable absence of the President, Bernard Haissy, he had been asked by the President to chair the Meeting in his stead. In the absence of Peter Müller, the Secretary and Treasurer, Hans J. Oen was appointed as acting secretary for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were also received from Ian Howlett, Fredrich Dahlman, Matt Cockburn, Stefan O'Reilly Hyland, Edmond Capart, Rees Martin and Thomas Lundqvist.

2. Voting

The national votes (based on the 2005 membership dues) were tallied and totalled 107, as follows:

AUT	01
BEL	01
DEN	01
ITA	00
FIN	19
FRA	11
GER	08
GBR	18
SWE	19
SUI	18
USA	11

3. Accounts as at 31st December 2005

In the absence of Peter Müller, the Treasurer, the acting Chairman drew attention to the Statement of Accounts which was published on page 7 of the ISMA Bulletin 1/2006 and invited questions and comments, of which there were none.

4. Annual ISMA Dues

The acting Chairman pointed out that, despite an existing worldwide fleet of between 380 and 400 known boats, it is unacceptable that only 107 boat owners should be members of ISMA, of which a number had still not paid their dues for 2005. He indicated that the new administration would make a concerted effort to change this situation in order to improve the overall financial situation of the Association, as well as overall support for the Class, especially since funds did not even cover the production of the ISMA Bulletin. Consideration would be given to introducing a Membership for individual owners who are not associated with National Fleets and that provisions for an Associate Membership for owners of laid-up and non-racing boats, boats undergoing restoration and crew members and other interested parties, would be put forward during the coming year.

5. President's Report

On behalf of the President, the acting Chairman presented a positive and upbeat picture of the existing status of the Class in general. There are two new fleets currently in course of establishment: Australia where there are seven boats and the Netherlands now with ten boats in various stages of restoration. It was also being planned to form an Italian fleet, based at Stresa on Lago Maggiore. Reaction to the publication in December of the first Moderns Newsletter had been most positive, and a greater number of Modern boats had changed hands during the winter than for many years. Classic boats were still being found around the World and were being bought for restoration.

6. Membership Fees for 2006

For the time being the Membership Fee for 2006 was left at the amounts fixed by the AGM at Sandhamn at EURO 50.00 or US\$ 60.00 or CHF 75.00, to be paid by Fleets to the Treasurer before 31st December 2006. Proposals for the introduction of an Associate Membership Scheme would be brought forward.

7. Amendments to the ISMA By-laws.

The following alterations were proposed:

Paragraph E - General Meetings: 4(d) shall be amended as follows:

“Elect the President and the other officers of ISMA and the Members of the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Technical Committee”.

Paragraph F - Officers: 2. shall be amended to read:

“Three Vice-Presidents shall be elected to assist the President and assume his duties in his absence.”

Paragraph “I” - (to be added):

Nominating Committee

1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members, none of whom are to be Officers or members of the Executive Committee.
2. The Nominating Committee shall, not less than two months in advance of the AGM, propose candidates for election for the upcoming term. The names of the proposed candidates shall be announced in the ISMA news.
3. National 6 Metre Authorities may propose opposing slates of officials to be elected by submitting their list of candidates to the Nominating Committee not later than 3 months prior to the Annual General Meeting. Opposing slates shall be printed in ISMA news.

As there were no queries, comments or discussion on the subject, a motion on the proposal was put to the vote of the Meeting and seconded. The Motion was passed unanimously. The Secretary is to include the new paragraphs in the updated By-Laws.

8. Election of new Officers and Executive and Finance Committee Members.

(For this item, the Acting Chairman notionally withdrew)

As both Bernard Haissly (President) and Peter Muller (Secretary and Treasurer) had expressed their desire to retire from their positions, a slate of candidates had been prepared by the Board and had been circulated well in advance for comment to all Fleets throughout the World.

A proposal was made in writing by the Swedish Fleet to alter the recommended composition of the Technical Committee and the Nominating Committee. The proposed alterations were discussed and as there was no opposition they were adopted.

A motion was made to vote on the altered slate and seconded. As there was no further discussion, the proposed slate duly amended, was voted on and was passed as follows:

PRESIDENT:	TIM STREET	(GBR)
VICE- PRESIDENT:	MATT COCKBURN	(USA)
VICE- PRESIDENT:	BEAT FURRER	(SUI)
VICE- PRESIDENT:	HENRIK ANDERSIN	(FIN)

TREASURER: TIM RUSSELL (GBR)
SECRETARY: EDMOND CAPART (MON)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: IAN HOWLETT (GBR) (Chairman)
DOUG PETERSON (USA)
GUY-ROLAND PERRIN (SUI)
PAASI KARTO (FIN)
NICOLAS BERTHOUD (SUI)
PETER NORLIN

EXECUTIVE and FINANCE COMMITTEE (In addition to the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Technical Committee):

FREDRICK DAHLMAN (SWE)
STEFAN O'REILLY HYLAND (FRA)
PETER KONIG (GER)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

BERNARD HAISSLY (SUI)
CLAES AHLIN (SWE)
HANS J. OEN (USA)

The new President returned and said:-

"Ladies and Gentlemen.

You do me great honour in electing me to be President of ISMA and I am very pleased to think that I am to be given the opportunity to undertake such an important role.

I am very conscious that I succeed a number of great and distinguished predecessors who have set such extremely high standard, of whom I can see Christer Salen here present, and I can only assure you that I will give it my very best efforts.

Thank you all".

9. New Trophies:

Hans Oen and Peter Koenig were invited to give presentations on their new trophies.

Hans J. Oen gave a presentation describing the history and the intent of the "August Ringvold Memorial Trophy" and showed it round.

Peter Koenig who had presented the "Baum and König Vintage Trophy" gave a short presentation on its aims and a photograph was shown.

The President thanked them on behalf of the Class.

10. Rating Rules & Measurement Instructions.

The chairman explained that much work had been done by Rees Martin (NZ), in conjunction with ISAF, to update and clarify the existing Rules as none of the amendments passed by the AGMs in recent years had been included in a revised version and ISAF had noted and commented. Without revision of the Rules the Class would no longer be internationally approved by ISAF. The new draft had been very widely circulated on both the Internet and various websites, but no comments had been received except from Ian Howlett who had recently raised some points which needed clarification, in conjunction with ISAF.

A motion to adopt the alterations was seconded and carried unanimously without further discussion. Ratification by ISAF is required and Rees Martin (NZ) is to first discuss with Ian Howlett his points and then arrange. The Chairman thanked Rees Martin on behalf of ISMA for all his work. A bound copy of the revised and combined Rules was circulated to various Fleets/members after the meeting.

11. Draft Classic Rules (5th Revise)

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the original draft had been prepared in 2000 and that the latest revision(s) had been widely circulated, both in the Classic Newsletters and in the ISMA Bulletin. During the winter, as a result of proposals by Ronald Brons (NED) that the Eight Metre Rules might be consulted, he had received around 53 e-mails on the subject and, after careful cross-checking and further consultation, a 5th Revise had been prepared and widely circulated and suggested that this was the time to put the Classic Rules to a final vote. A motion in support was made and seconded and the adoption of the Classic Rules passed without opposition.

12. The Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy.

On the recommendation of the retiring President, Bernard Haissly, it was proposed that the Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy should be awarded to Ian Howlett for his long work as Chairman of the Technical Committee and for his tremendous contribution to the class. This was received with acclamation.

13. Any Other Business.

13.1 WC/EC Venues:

Subsequent to a proposal by the French Fleet to hold the 2008 European Championships at either La Trinité or Cannes, a formal letter from the Cannes Yacht Club, inviting the Class to hold the 2008 European Championships at Cannes was received this morning

via the Flensberg Sailing Club. After a vote was taken, which showed a clear preference for Cannes for 2008, the following venues for the European and the World Championships were proposed and discussed. After discussion, proposals were voted upon and passed as follows:

European Championship 2008	Cannes
World Championship 2009	Newport, Rhode Island, USA. (already agreed).
European Championship 2010	Switzerland (place to be determined)
World Championship 2011	Helsinki

(Afternote: The Flensberger Sailing Club has extended a provisional invitation to the Class to return in 2013 and the embryonic Dutch Fleet would like to extend an invitation for 2014 to be held on the IJsselmeer).

12.2 The "First Series" Moderns.

There was some concern from the floor that a non-classic (post 1965) boat was allowed to start in the 2006 European Championship with the Classics. The Chairman recognized that this issue is under serious consideration and that opinions are divided. He explained that the newly adopted Classic Rules also deal with this issue in the form of notes only and that various National authorities have set their own timetables for trying out joint starts with these "early moderns". During the ensuing discussion it was recommended that the owners of the "old" Moderns should make an effort in creating communications among themselves, in order to encourage as many boats as possible to engage in active championship racing and thus be able to compete among themselves and for their own trophies. (Subsequently, the original query was withdrawn).

The Chairman closed the Meeting by paying tribute to Bernard Haissly, the retiring President and Peter Muller, the retiring Secretary and Treasurer for all the work that they had done for the past many years, especially in Bernard's case since it was the second time that he had held the Presidency and a small presentation in recognition of all his work had been planned. There not being any further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Hans J. Oen
Acting Secretary,
20th June 2006

Tim Street
President
20th June 2006