

International Six-Metre Association
Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting 2008
Held in
La Trinité-sur-Mer, France
at 1900hrs July 19th 2008 under the SNT tent.

Present

Tim Street, President,
Beat Furrer, Vice-President
Henrik Andersin, Hon. Secretary
Tim Russell, Hon. Treasurer
Peter Norlin, Member, Technical Committee
and
Twenty-six owners and Associates

§1. **Welcome**

President Tim Street welcomed all those attending the meeting, opened the AGM and called upon Vice-President Henrik Andersin to be acting secretary for the meeting.

§2. **in Memoriam**

The meeting held a one-minute silence in memory of those who have been active in the class and who have died during the year.
- Eki Karumaa of FIN-60 "Off-Course" died during winter 2008

§3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Ian Howlett, Chairman, Technical Committee, Mark Heike and Ronald Brons of the Netherlands.

§4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting had been widely distributed and published on page 6 of ISMA News 2/2007. No comments had been received and the meeting accepted their final version (attachment 1)

§5. **ISMA Membership/Voting Numbers**

The Honorary Treasurer Tim Russell announced the voting figures to be used at this meeting, based on the subscriptions paid in the previous year (ISMA By-Law D4) and published in ISMA Journal 1/2008, as follows:

Finland 12
France 8
Germany 8
Great Britain 31
Netherlands 3

Sweden 8
Switzerland 16
North America 32
Individual 3 (Belgium 1, Denmark 1, Ireland 1)

Total 121

He reported that "membership figures for the current year were expected to be nearly as strong as the previous year."

§6. **Accounts/Annual ISMA Dues**

Hon. Treas. Tim Russell distributed the Financial statements dated 16th July 2008 and a prediction of the full year 2008. The Current Euro account balance was at 24,331.33 (attachment 2). The President explained that ever since 1977 at least, Treasurers were reporting that ISMA lacked funds and congratulated the Hon. Treasurer on his sterling work.

The accounts were duly accepted.

§7. **President's Report**

President Tim Street reported the most important happenings in the class during the past year, which he considered to be:

- The formation of an Italian Fleet on Lake Como and their first internal regatta since 1952
- The publishing of the book "100 Years of Six Metre Racing" by Pekka Barck in December 2007
- Henrik Andersin had gallantly volunteered to be Secretary of the Class
- The first Dutch regatta for Sixes since 1939
- The identification of 8 Sixes in Spain by Basil Carmody and the provisional formation of a Spanish fleet for the first time since 1934

§8. **Elections**

All positions were up for election and the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, Hans Oen, proposed the following slate:

1. President 2008-2010	GBR	Tim Street	re-election
2. Vice-President	FRA	Stephen O'Reilly Hyland	new
3. Secretary 2008-2010	FIN	Henrik Andersin	new
4. Honorary Treasurer 2008-2010	GBR	Tim Russell	re-election
5. Classics Committee 2008-2010			
Chairman	USA	Matt Cockburn	new
	USA	Doug Peterson	re-election
	USA	Kimo Mackey	re-election
	FRA	Basil Carmody	re-election
	GER	Bjorn Storsberg	new

6. Technical Committee 2008-2010 all for re-election

Chairman	GBR	Ian Howlett
	USA	Doug Peterson
	SWE	Peter Norlin
	FIN	Tapio Lehtinen
	USA	Scott Rohrer
	USA	David Pedrick
	FRA	Nicholas Berthoud
	SUI	Guy-Roland Perrin

The meeting accepted the proposed slate.

President Tim Street proposed the following for re-election to the Nomination Committee:-

Hans Oen (USA)

Claes Ahlin (SWE)

The meeting accepted this proposal

(Afternote: As Bernard Haissly (SUI) has now formally retired from the Six-Metre Class, the Nomination Committee was invited to propose a successor).

Hans Oen to discuss and nominate.

§9. **The meeting re-confirmed earlier decisions for the programme for 2009-2011 and considered the following preliminary venues for 2012-2016. Venues post 2011 will be further considered at the next AGM in 2009.**

Worlds 2009 – Newport, RI.	Hans Oen
Europeans 2010 – Switzerland.	Beat Furrer
Worlds 2011 – Helsinki	Henrik Andersin
Europeans 2012 – Mediterranean	Stefan O'Reilly
	Hyland
Worlds 2013 - Flensburg	Bjoern Storsberg
Europeans 2014 – Medemblick, Netherlands	Marc Heijke
Worlds 2015 - Sweden	Johan Larsen
Europeans 2016 - Solent	

Claes Ahlin informed the meeting of the major Swedish 100 year Commemorative Olympic regatta to be held in Nynäshamn, in 2012. Preliminary discussions had already been held with the French Fleet and it was proposed to spread the events so that the Europeans could be held in the Med approximately two months before or after the Swedish event; possibly in September but quite separate from the Regate Royale.

Transport to the Worlds at Newport, RI in 2009 was discussed and the Secretary Henrik Andersin agreed to co-ordinate a list of possible yachts to be shipped to Newport in 2009. A quick survey among the participants showed the following possibles:

	Min	Max
Finland	2	4
France	2	3
Germany	2	3
GBR	4	5 (including BAH)
Netherlands	0	2
Switzerland	1	n/a
	11	17

§10. **New wording for the Baum & König Vintage Trophy**

The Hon. Secretary Henrik Andersin presented the new proposals for the B&K Trophy (attachment 3) which had been approved by Peter Koenig. They were accepted unanimously and will be in force in Newport.

§11. **Classic Rule Amendment Paper**

Henrik Andersin presented his proposal to disallow Carbon Fibre Spinnaker Poles in Classics in 2009, which was seconded by Germany. The matter was discussed with bull points for and against. It was clear that only Germany, Finland and the Class Measurer, Guy-Roland Perrin appeared to be in favour.

A vote was taken and with all other countries present opposing the rule change it was rejected.

§12. **Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy**

President Tim Street gave a brief presentation on the background of the Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy, which is presented annually to the person who has done most to further the class.

To general acclaim, the Trophy was presented to Pekka Barck of Finland for producing four books on the Six-Metre Class, including The Six-Metre – 100 Years of Racing, published in December 2007.

§13. **Any Other Business**

A. For discussion and consideration: Proposals from Matt Cockburn

1. Remove the limitation on battens in all sails other than the mainsail.

This change can be accomplished easily by removing the last sentence in Rule 14.

14. MAINSAIL CROSSWIDTHS AND BATTENS

The length of the battens in the mainsail shall not exceed the following:

Max

Upper batten: Not restricted in length

Other battens: 1500mm

The battens in a sail shall divide the after leech into approximately equal parts.

The total width of the mainsail, including the luff rope, at half and three quarter heights shall not exceed 67% and 39% respectively of the maximum permitted foot length

Maximum number of battens in sail: four

Battens in other sails are prohibited.

2. Allow the use of GPS positioning systems.

Would change Rule 37:

37. ELECTRONICS

Electronic instrumentation shall be limited to that which deals with on board generated information only. The use of the global positioning system (GPS) or other electronic position fixing devices is not allowed. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile phones.

In view of the shortness of time for consideration and the strong views expressed both for and against both proposals, the meeting decided to circulate the proposals more widely during the year and to re-consider matters 1. and 2. at next years AGM at Newport.

B. The August Ringvold Trophy and the second Rule boats (attachment 4).

The meeting warmly thanked the August Ringvold family and Hans Oen who had acted on their behalf, for the clarification of the new specifications for the Arthur Ringvold Second-Rule Trophy and were pleased to accept them. The meeting agreed to accept the same specifications for the KSSS Trophy.

C. A new logo/Pennant/Burgee for the Class

The meeting gave the board of ISMA the authority to develop a logo/Pennant/Burgee for the class.

In Fidem,

**Tim Street
President
30th June 2008**



**Henrik Andersin
Secretary**