

International Six-Metre Association
Annual General Meeting
NYYC- Harbour Court
Newport, Rhode Island, USA
at 0900hrs. Monday September 7th, 2009.

Present:
Tim Street, President, ISMA
Henrik Andersin, Hon. Secretary, ISMA
and 28 Members and Associate Members

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Welcome

President Tim Street welcomed all participants to the 37th International Six Metre Association's Annual General Meeting and invited ISMA Hon. Secretary Henrik Andersin to act as secretary for the meeting.

2. in Memoriam

The meeting stood in silence in memory of those members who passed away during the year. These were: - Jean-Pierre Thibault of France and Olin J. Stephens II. Tim Street presented a memoir of Olin J. Stephens, which will be published in the forthcoming ISMA- newsletter.

3. Apologies for Absence

Beat Furrer of Switzerland, Stephan O'Reilly Hyland of France, Tim Russell (Hon. Treasurer), Thomas Lundqvist of Sweden, Brian Pope and Ian Howlett of Great Britain had submitted their apologies for absence.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM in France on July 19th, 2008 was approved by the meeting and signed by the President.

5. ISMA Membership/Voting Numbers for 2009

The paper showing the paid membership numbers for 2009 prepared by the Hon. Treasurer was presented, showing voting figures as follows:-

Denmark	2 votes (not present)
Finland	4 votes
France	13 votes (Chairman holding proxy)
Germany	9 votes
Great Britain	31 votes
Sweden	6 votes
Switzerland	13 votes
Netherlands	3 votes (not present)
North America	25 votes
Individual member from Belgium	1 vote (not present)

6. **Accounts/Annual ISMA Dues**

The Hon. Treasurer Tim Russell had prepared the Accounts for the meeting which were presented by the Secretary in his absence. The accounts showed ISMA to be, for the first time, ever self-sufficient and this is the first time that ISMA has been able to pay Beat Furrer for the full cost of the ISMA News. This is due to the greater number of paid up full members, the increased income from selling sail labels and better control of the annual fees paid by national associations.

The Treasurer's report was circulated for consideration.

7. **President's Report**

The President outlined the most important developments in the class since last year and in particular the tremendous increase in the numbers of boats in the New England fleet. He warmly welcomed Martin and Chris Ferrand of New Zealand who had travelled over 8000 miles to compete with NZL-1 "Scout" (built 1909), one of the only three built in New Zealand. It is believed to be the furthest that anyone has ever brought their Six-Metre to take part in a major Championship and may well remain for ever the World record.

8. **Elections**

Two officers of ISMA were up for election:

- Matt Cockburn(USA) was re-elected as Classics Committee Chairman
- Tim Street was elected as new member of the Nomination Committee, to replace Bernard Haissy: He is to join Hans Oen(USA) (Chairman) and Claes Ahlin(Sweden)

9. **Championships:**

The provisional plan for future Championship venues was reviewed.

2010

The 2010 European Championships at Brunnen, Switzerland was confirmed for July 21-28th. The open Swiss Championship is also organized in Brunnen the week-end before the Europeans (16th to 18th July). This allows to have tune up races before the Europeans. Please see www.6mr-europeans.org and www.6metre.ch.

The President announced that the Six-Metres had been invited by Italy to a non-ISMA event at Portofino, Italy, next year on 13th to 16th May. This is the second Metre Boat Regatta at Portofino specifically for Sixes, Eights and Twelves. Although the Twelves and Eights attended this year, it is hoped by Carlo Croce, the regatta president, that some Sixes will attend next year with the aim of encouraging an Italian Six-Metre fleet.

2011

The Worlds – Helsinki. Henrik Andersin presented a formal invitation and gave a brief presentation, reminding everyone that it will also be the 150th anniversary of the organizing Club, the Nyländska Jaktklubben (NJK). Other Metre Classes are also expected at Helsinki that year, although Eights and Twelves have not yet made any firm decisions. A formal invitation from the Club was presented to the AGM, a vote was conducted and the event was approved unanimously.

2012

Preamble: At the special request of Sweden, the French had previously been invited to hold the 2012 European Cup in the Mediterranean. After a study, the French recommended that it be held at Les Porquerolles islands, hosted by the Yacht Club de Porquerolles.

At the 2008 AGM 2008 the Swedes announced that in 2012 there would be a 1912-2012 Olympic Memorial regatta in Nynäshamn. It was planned that this would not be within 2-3 months of the Mediterranean event, so as not clash.

However at the Meeting Christer Salén put forward a Swedish bid for Nynäshamn, Sweden and the President explained that their request was an attempt to help in encouraging the Swedish Fleet. He had approached Vice-President Stefan O'Reilly Hyland, Chairman of the French fleet, who in the best interests of the class was prepared to give up 2012 in exchange for a major regatta in 2014 or 2015.

After discussion, it was agreed to take a vote for either Sweden or France, with the following outcome:

		France	Sweden
Denmark	2 votes (not present)	-	-
Finland	4 votes	-	4
France	13 votes (by proxy)	13	-
Germany	9 votes	9	-
Great Britain	31 votes	-	31
Sweden	6 votes	-	6
Switzerland	13 votes	13	-
Netherlands	3 votes (not present)	-	-
North America	25 votes	-	25
Individual member from Belgium	1 vote (not present)	-	-
Result of vote		35	66

(Afternote: Subsequently this result was challenged on three bases:

- 1. The Swedish bid was not in accordance with ISMA by-laws, which require “at least one month’s notice”, since the Swedish bid for 2012 was in effect presented at the meeting and was not on the published agenda.***

2. The British representatives' vote was not in accordance with the wishes of the British International Six-Metre Association (BISMA).

3. The decision went against the previously approved North-South alternative annual venues.

As the result of legal advice, the ISMA Committee is now taking a postal vote).

2013 Worlds

The invitation from Flensburg for the 2013 Worlds, originally presented at the 2006 AGM, was approved unanimously.

2014 Europeans

There has been no approach from the Dutch fleet since their 2007 provisional bid so this event is now deemed vacant for bids. After discussion, it was agreed that, depending on the final decision on 2012, this event should now go to France or Sweden.

2015 Worlds

Depending upon the decision over the 2012 event, the North American Puget Sound fleet placed a provisional bid for 2015 or 2017.

2016 Europeans

A provisional bid has been received from the British International Six-Metre Association for the Solent.

10. Finance Paper

The finance paper as presented in paragraph 6 was approved.

11. Acceptance of earlier amendments in the ISMA by-laws including "Grandfathering" Proposals

The ISMA by-laws were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

However, further clarification and clearer and consistent appendixes were called for and Naval Architect David Pedrick of Newport was elected to Chair a "Working Party" to propose changes including a new wording of the Six Metre Rules. He expected that the work would take two years and would then be presented at the AGM in Helsinki 2011.

**12. From Sweden: Thomas Lundquist
Proposal to establish an ISMA Events Committee**

This proposal was withdrawn.

**13. From the US: Matt Cockburn
Delegation of authority (new addition to ISMA by-laws)**

This proposal was to delegate authority to the Classics Committee to decide, in the name of ISMA, on all questions related to the construction of classic or reproduction Sixes.

1. The meeting decided to not approve this and considered that this should be a Technical Committee matter. The Chairman of the Technical Committee was invited to arrange to monitor all such activities.

2. The AGM hereby instructs the Classics Committee to submit an annual report to the AGM describing its activities in this regard,
The AGM approved this proposal.

3. The AGM requested the Classics Committee to seek the advice of the Technical Committee and any other individuals whose advice it deems useful.
The AGM approved this proposal.

**14. From the US: Matt Cockburn
Battens in blade Jibs**

Headsails permitted to have battens could not exceed 100% of the “J” dimension.
This proposal was approved provisionally and passed to David Pedrick’s Working Party to further refine the wording of the rule. It will be approved for use only when the new wording is ready.

**15. From the US: Matt Cockburn
GPS**

This proposal was to accept GPS aboard Six-Metres for speed measurement only. The model considered for acceptance to be “The Velocitek Speedpuck”
<http://www.velocitek.com/products/speedpuck>
This proposal was not approved and the Technical Committee was invited to consider the proposal for further development.

16. Discussion: Is Carbon Fibre a Normally available Commercial Material. The Six Metre Rule has not yet accepted this material, should it?
Henrik Andersin invited the Class to rule on Carbon Fibre as a material and explained that ISAF does not accept such definitions as “...readily available materials” as too loose. The meeting voted to only accept the use of Carbon Fibre for the Tiller extension and the Spinnaker Pole at this time and invited the Technical Committee to consider suitable proposals.

17. Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy

The Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy was presented to Matt Cockburn of the Puget Sound Fleet for his many years work in rebuilding the Class in North America.

18. A Logo/Pennant /Burgee for the class

Two possible choices for the class Pennant had been circulated by the Hon. Secretary, for consideration well in advance of the meeting. One was blue with a red edging and the other one in Black with a White edging and the two examples were exhibited.

The Meeting adopted the blue and red version but with broader bands, as seen in the B&W version and approved the Hon. Treasurer's "Class Pennant Conditions of Use" paper as presented, but with additional rules on commercial use and copyrights. Additional rules to be drafted and circulated for comment by the Secretary.

19. Any Other Business

- 1. The AGM accepted that ISAF rule changes (i.e. ISAF Racing Rules wordings 2009-2012 about advertising) should be automatically amended in the Class Rules by the Secretary.*
- 2. The Twelve-Metre and Eight-Metre Classes are considering appointing a joint paid administrator and the Sixes have been invited join in. This was not considered possible at this stage with the class's present financial limitations.*

Henrik Andersin,
Honorary Secretary. ISMA.
21th August 2009.