



International Six-Metre Association

38th Annual General Meeting

Held at Brunnen, Switzerland

July 26, 2010 at 18.15 hrs

Present:

Tim Street, President, ISMA

Beat Furrer, Vice President, ISMA

Henrik Andersin, Honorary Secretary, ISMA

Tim Russell, Honorary Treasurer, ISMA

Together with 23 Members and Associate Members

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Welcome

ISMA President Tim Street, Chairman, welcomed all participants to the International Six-Metre Association's 38th 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: - Hans Suhner, Switzerland, of SUI 45 Mecara and Harry McGuane, the 1958 North American champion on N 66 Alarm, who was sailing sixes into his 90th year.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Guy-Roland Perrin of Switzerland, Stefan O'Reilly Hyland and Claude Draeger of France, Thomas Lundqvist of Sweden, Ian Howlett, Rees Martin and Robin Richardson of Great Britain, Pekka Barck of Finland, and Matt Cockburn, Toby Rodes and Greg Stewart of the United States.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous AGM in Newport, R.I., USA on September 7th, 2009 were approved by the meeting and signed by the President.

5. ISMA Membership/Voting Numbers for 2010

The paper showing the paid membership numbers for 2010 prepared by the Hon. Treasurer was presented, showing voting figures as follows:-

Denmark	1 votes (not present)
Finland	4 votes
France	4 votes
Germany	7 votes
Great Britain	26 votes
Sweden	4 votes
Switzerland	14 votes
Netherlands	0 votes (not present)
North America	24 votes (Hon Secretary holding 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 him. The accounts showed a healthy state of the finances of ISMA. The sail label sales have not increased in 2010 and membership fees have not expanded which will be an issue for future Committees to deal with.

The Treasurer's report was circulated for consideration.

7. President's Report

President Tim Street presented a short outline of the previous twelve month's most important issues which included a most successful World Championships in North America in Sept 2009, the ISAF's final acceptance of the wording for the Class Rules (including Appendix "A", The Classics Rules), which are now official and the current European Championships on a lake in Switzerland, the first for nearly 30 years.

He reported that ISAF considers the Six Metre Classic Rules to be an excellent example and has congratulated the class for its good work.

The President also congratulated the Swiss 6mJI Association and Beat Furrer for the wonderful Championship arrangements in Brunnen.

8. Elections

A number of officers of ISMA were up for election for the period ending at the AGM 2012

Beat Furrer of Switzerland was elected as the new President, vice Tim Street.

Toby Rodes of USA was elected Vice-President for North America, vice Matt Cockburn

Dr. Thomas Kuhmann of Germany was elected Vice-President for Southern Europe, vice Stefan O'Reilly Hyland.

Pekka Barck of Finland was elected Vice-President for Scandinavia

Tim Russell was re-elected Honorary Treasurer

Stefan O'Reilly Hyland was elected as the new Honorary Secretary, vice Henrik Andersin.

Paul Smith of Great Britain was elected as Committee Member without Portfolio (see §15.)

Nomination Committee-until 2011.

Tim Street (GBR) as Chairman
Claes Ahlin (SWE)
Hans Oen (USA)

New Technical Committee:

Ian Howlett (GBR), Chairman.
Guy-Roland Perrin (SUI), ISMA Class Measurer
Peter Norlin (SWE)
David Pedrick (USA)
Greg Stewart (USA)
David Chivers (GBR)
Tim Russell (GBR), Executive Secretary

New Classics Committee:

Matt Cockburn (USA) as Chairman
Basil Carmody (FRA)
Friedrich Dahlman (SWE)
Allan Savolainen (FIN)

The Chairman of the meeting noted that the election was unanimous.

After the elections, a painting of his Six-Metre 'Abu' was presented to Tim Street upon his retirement as ISMA President, by the new President Beat Furrer on behalf of the Committee and all members of ISMA.

Beat Furrer and all the participants thanked Tim Street for a successful Presidency, which has brought new structure and standards to the Class.

9. Future Championships:

Worlds 2011 – Helsinki, Finland

Henrik Andersin welcomed all Sixes Sailors to Helsinki as he gave a presentation on next year's event and urged everyone to look up the details on www.6mr.fi or www.6mrworldcup2011.fi

Europeans 2012 – Nynäshamn, Sweden

Decision made 2009

Worlds 2013 – Flensburg, Germany

Decision made 2009

Europeans 2014 – Falmouth

Britain will present a bid in 2011

Worlds 2015 – France

Decision made 2009, this meeting confirmed the decision

Europeans 2016 –Switzerland

A formal bid to be made in 2011.

Worlds 2017 – USA

A formal bid to be made in 2013 in respect of Puget Sound, WA or San Diego, CA.

10. Categorisation of ISMA Events as open events

The President stated that there were no plans for ISMA to categorize either events or sailors.

10a. Battens in Jibs

The change that allows battens in non overlapping sails was approved according to the proposal with one wording change: the requirement for battens to be approximately at right angles to the leach was deleted, to allow battens to be aligned to suit jibs used on furlers. The agreed text therefore reads:

“Foresails with a foot dimension not greater than 110% of ‘J’ shall be permitted to have not more than three battens. The maximum length of each batten pocket shall be 800mm and the maximum width 50mm. Battens shall be positioned at equal intervals along the leech (+/- 50mm). The leech of such sails shall not extend beyond the straight line joining the after head point to the clew, and the distance between the head point and the after head point shall not exceed 100mm.”

11. ISAF fee on new Sixes built

This item was removed from the agenda

12. ISMA Membership Proposal for Reduced Fees

The proposal and its merits were discussed. The ISMA Committee was opposed and Hon. Treasurer Tim Russell presented his paper which also opposed this proposal. Tim Russell considered that the proposal was ill-advised at this stage and would lead to ISMA’s insolvency.

After careful consideration the countries voted unanimously to not approve the proposal.

13. Proposal for the Unloved Boats 1965-71

The Chairman presented the Committee’s proposal to accept the following 1969-72 wooden semi-moderns as Classics in the class.

The proposal had the support of both the Classics Committee and the Technical Committee.

The boats considered were:

KA-6 Toogooloowo IV

FRA-69 Astree II (ex G 53 Michel IV)

G-49 Tchetsche/Courage III

FIN-55 Toogooloowo V (ex KA 7)

H-20 Goodwood (ex G 47 Kobbold XVIII)

GER-86 Gosling (ex K 80)

Z-48 Antares

The meeting approved unanimously the proposal with the following restrictions:

- The decision is for a trial period ending at the AGM 2016
- The decision is subject to confirmation in 2016
- The decision can be revoked earlier if the ISMA Committee so decides.
- These boats may only be classics if no change is made to their underwater body or moving appendices
- These boats may win the Classic division in the European Cup or in the World Cup
- These boats may not win the Djinn Trophy, which was specifically presented for pre-1965 boats.

14. Sail limitations Proposal

The meeting voted to unanimously not to approve of this proposal

15. Race Management Proposal

The meeting considered the proposal by Thomas Lundqvist to appoint a Worlds and Europeans Regatta Coordinator and decided to approve a Race Officer position on the Committee.

It was agreed that Paul Smith of GBR would be appointed to this position as he had been elected to the Committee without portfolio.

16. Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy

The President presented this Trophy to Guy-Roland Perrin, the Class Measurer, in his absence.

Former ISMA President, Bernard Haissly, outlined the history of The Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy's, which he had presented to ISMA in memory of Jean-Pierre Odero, who had done so much to re-invigorate the class in the Mediterranean.

17. Any Other Business

The Secretary informed that the new Pennants were for sale at 20€ or 30CHF

18. Valete

Tim Street bid his farewell to the Class Organization, thanking in particular Beat Furrer for producing the ISMA Bulletin and organizing such a fantastic regatta; Ian Howlett, for 25 years Chairman of the Technical Committee, for all his help and advice; Hans Oen for all his behind-the-scenes advice and encouragement; Tim Russell for all his work as Hon. Treasurer in first of all preparing accounts and then, for the first time since about 1973, stabilizing the budget; and finally Henrik Andersin for all his work as Hon. Secretary and for his underwriting the 'Six-Metre Book'.

19. The meeting finally ended at 20.45 hrs.

Henrik Andersin,
Honorary Secretary. ISMA.
12th August 2010.