



**The Annual General Meeting of the Full Members of the above named company was held on 8 November 2014 from 16:00 to 17:00 at the Gran Meliá Victoria Hotel, Mallorca, Spain**

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The President, Carlo Croce (ITA), was the Chairman

## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

### **(a) Opening Remarks**

The President welcomed everyone to Palma.

### **(b) Vice-President W. Scott Perry conducted a roll call and it was confirmed that in accordance with Article 27.1 a quorum was present with 48 members in attendance:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>MNA</b>	<b>Representative</b>
AND	Federacio Andorrana de Vela	Josep M Pla
ANG	Angolan Federation of Nautical Sports	Nuno Gomes
ANT	Antigua Sailing Association	Cary Lee Byerley
ARG	Federacion Argentina de Yachting	Pablo Masseroni
AUS	Yachting Australia Inc	Jones
AUT	Austrian Sailing Federation	Georg Fundak
AZE	Sailing Federation of Azerbaijan	Aydin Karimov
BEL	Koninklijk Belgisch Yachting Verbond/Fédération Royale Belge du Yachting	Peter Van den Bossche
BRA	Confederação Brasileira de Vela e Motor	Bruno Marques
BUL	Bulgarian Sailing Federation	Kamen Fillyov
CAN	Sail Canada / Voile Canada	Peter Hall
CHN	Chinese Yachting Association	Zhou Chang Cheng
CRO	Croatian Sailing Federation	Ivo Jaic
CYP	Cyprus Sailing Federation (CYSAF)	Totos Theodosiou
DEN	Danish Sailing Association	Hans Natorp
DOM	Federación Dominicana de Vela, Inc.	Hector Duval
EGY	Egyptian Sailing & Water Ski Federation	Dr Medhat EM Ghazi Jose Angel Rodriguez
ESP	Real Federacion Espanola de Vela	Santos
EST	Estonian Yachting Union	Ott Kalas
FIN	Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation	Patrick Lindqvist
FRA	Fédération Française de Voile	Jacques Lehn
GBR	Royal Yachting Association	Dick Batt
GER	Deutscher Segler Verband	Andreas Lochbrunner
GRE	Hellenic Sailing Federation	Pantelis Pavlidis

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HKG	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	Warwick Downes
HUN	Hungarian Yachting Association	George Wossala
IRL	Irish Sailing Association	John Crebbin
ISL	Icelandic Sailing Association	Úlfur H. Hróbjartsson
ISR	Israel Yachting Association	Nino Shmueli
ITA	Italian Sailing Federation	Ricardo Simoneschi
JPN	Japan Sailing Federation	Toru Iribe
LAT	Yachting Union of Latvia	Ansis Dale
LIB	Federation Libanaise de Yachting	Rabih Salem
MEX	Federacion Mexicana de Vela Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport	Franciso Jauregui
NED	Verbond	Rob Franken
NOR	Norwegian Sailing Federation	Tor Moinichen
NZL	Yachting New Zealand	Jan Dawson
POL	Polish Yachting Association	Tomasz Chamera
POR	Federação Portuguesa de Vela	Jose Manuel Leandro
RUS	Russian Yachting Federation	Yana Dozhitskaya
SEY	Seychelles Yachting Association	Alain Alcindor
SIN	Singapore Sailing Federation	Wearn Haw Tan
SUI	Swiss Sailing	François Schluchter
TPE	Chinese Taipei Sailing Association	Ting-Hsiang Kuo
TUR	Turkish Sailing Federation	Mahmut Saral
UAE	UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation	Barrie Harmsworth
URU	Yacht Club Uruguayo	W. Scott Perry
USA	US Sailing	Gary Bodie

- (c) Apologies were received from the Belarus Sailing Federation and the Malaysian Yachting Association

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16 November 2013 were unanimously approved.

## 3. Reports

- (a) Report from the President

As reported to Council, the President informed the meeting that, after 17 years of service, Jerome Pels has decided to pursue other professional challenges and expressed thanks and best wishes for every success for the future.

Important decisions would be made at this meeting as those present would be asked to vote on the special resolutions to ratify amendments to the Articles of Association approved by Council in November 2013 to modernise the membership of our organisation, voting rights at the General Assembly and housekeeping amendments.

The much desired merger of the IFDS with ISAF is in place and Special Resolution 2 on the agenda will achieve the finalisation with immediate effect.

This meeting marks the mid-term of office for the current Officers and decisions were made by Council here in Palma to amend the Regulations governing the election of Vice-Presidents to make it much clearer, less complicated and to provide a much better experience for all.

(b) Finance

- i) Vice-President W. Scott Perry reported that finances of the Federation are in good shape and reported no concerns to the meeting.
- ii) To receive the audited Consolidated Accounts of the International Sailing Federation Limited for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013

**Decision**

**The audited Consolidated Accounts of the International Sailing Federation Limited for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 were unanimously approved.**

- iii) Auditors of the Company

**Decision**

**haysmacintyre of Southampton House, 317 High Holborn, London WC1V 7NL, United Kingdom were unanimously elected as auditors to the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.**

- iv) Remuneration of the auditors

**Decision**

**The Executive Committee were unanimously authorised to fix the remuneration of the auditors.**

#### 4. Review

- (a) Member Applications

It was noted that there were no applications for Full Membership since the last General meeting but the Associação de Vela de Macau and Montserrat Yachting Association were welcomed as Associate Members.

- (b) ISAF Championships

**Decision**

**The proposed programme of 2015 ISAF Championships was noted.**

- (c) ISAF Regulations

A summary document with details of changes to the Regulations made or amended in any substantive way by the Council since Annual General Meeting of 16 November 2013 was circulated around the table (Appendix 1).

**Decision**

**All Regulations made or substantively amended since the last Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved.**

#### 5. Special Resolutions

- (a) Special Resolution 1

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Articles of Association of the Company be and are hereby amended as follows in accordance with decisions made by the ISAF Council at the Annual Conference 2013:

- i) Submission 037-13 - Amend Article 15.1 of the Constitution as follows:

- 15.1 **(a)** The status of any existing Member National Authority of the Federation may only be challenged by an existing Member National Authority in good standing or an organization which has or is claiming the status of a governing body of the sport of sailing in the particular country in which the Member National Authority is located

and has been so certified by the Constitution Committee having considered the recommendation of the Secretary General.

**(b) Any Member may at any time be required at the request of the Executive Committee to demonstrate that its constitution and its representation of the sport of Sailing in that country is such that it would, at that time, satisfy the requirements for Membership as set out in Article 4 and the Regulations at the time applicable to Membership and applications for Membership. If the Executive Committee has reasonable grounds for believing that it does not so satisfy those requirements, and has failed to remedy any deficiency within 30 days of being requested to do so, then it may suspend the Member until the next meeting of Council, at which time Council shall decide whether to reinstate the Member, continue the suspension, or cancel its Membership under Article 15.3.**

ii) Submission 039-13 - Amend Article 31 as follows:

31 The membership of the General Assembly shall consist of:

(b) the President and the Vice-Presidents who may ~~also speak and~~ **but not vote unless they are also delegates of a Member National Authority;**

iii) Submission 040-13 - Delete Article 40 and replace with:

- 40
- (a) Members of the Council appointed by Member National Authorities shall be appointed by the groups of Member National Authorities shown in the Table in Schedule A to these Articles. Each group shall be entitled to appoint the number of members to the Council shown opposite its group.**
- (b) No earlier than sixty days before the date of the next ordinary meeting of the General Assembly, a Member National Authority may by notice in writing to the Chief Executive Officer nominate a candidate in each vacancy in that Member National Authority's group to be a member of Council for the forthcoming new term. A Member National Authority may change its nominations at any time until thirty days before the meeting of the General Assembly, when the nominations shall close. Any nomination received after this time is not valid.**
- (c) Following the close of nominations, the candidate(s) with the greatest number of nominations shall be deemed appointed to the Council by the group for the forthcoming new term. The Chief Executive Officer shall publish to all Member National Authorities in a group the nominations made.**
- (d) If there is an equal number of nominations for a vacancy, then any candidate(s) with the least number of nominations shall be eliminated and a ballot of the Member National Authorities in that group shall be held between the tied candidates. If a tie remains, this procedure shall be repeated until one candidate receives a simple majority of votes. In the event that a tie still persists seven days before the start of the General Assembly, the President shall break the tie in his sole**

**discretion and appoint one of the tied candidates to fill the vacancy. The process shall be administered by the Chief Executive Officer.**

- iv) Delete role of Treasurer to align with Regulations

**Decision**

**Special Resolution 1 was unanimously approved**

- (b) Special Resolution 2

The Chairman informed the meeting that the ISAF Council had approved the special resolution.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, subject to the approval of the ISAF Council, the Articles of Association of the Company be and are hereby amended as follows:

- i) Submission 001-14:

Amend clause (b) of the Aims of the International Sailing Federation as follows:

- (b) to support the sport of sailing in all its branches regardless of race, religion, gender, **physical ability**, or political affiliation.

and amend Article 36.1 to insert new 36.1(e) and renumber:

- (e) the Chairman of the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS)

**Decision**

**Special Resolution 2 was unanimously approved**

- (c) Special Resolution 3

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Objects and Aims of the Company be and are hereby amended as follows:

- i) Housekeeping

In sub-paragraph (d), delete “international or recognised” and insert instead “ISAF”.

**Decision**

**Special Resolution 3 was unanimously approved**

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next AGM will be on Saturday 14 November 2015.

**7. Any Other Business**

- (a) The request from Hector Duval and Cary Lee Byerley that the venue for the four yearly ISAF General Assembly should be a “central” location was noted.
- (b) There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed.