



International Moth Class Association

2011 Annual General Meeting

Belmont 16' Sailing Club, Bemont, Australia

11 January 2011

Meeting started: 6:15pm

Attendees

Scott Babbage, Mark Robinson, Nic Dallen, Nathan Outeridge, John Harris, David Lister, Philip Kasermann, Peter Moor, Phil Kurts, Martin Johnson, Phil Stevenson, Lochlin Byrne, James Cole, Grahm Simmonds, Mike Lennon, Hiroki Goto, Mark Brugger, Magnus Gravare, Martin Gravare, Chris Rast, Simon Payne, Ben Newling, Matt Knowles, Charlie McKee, Bora Gulari, Bruce McLeod, Adam Lowry, Luka Damic, John Ilett, Dalton Bergan, Lindsey Bergan, Chris Dey.

1. Welcome & Appointment of National Delegates

Apologies Received – JP Ziegert (SUI), Adam May (GBR), Doug Culnane (AUT), Chris Graham (UAE).

President Mark Robinson (MR) gave a short introduction on the procedure for the AGM, and then National delegates were appointed.

AUS – Scott Babbage (SB)

USA – Charlie McKee (CM)

GBR – Mike Lennon (ML)

SWE – Magnus Gravare (MG)

SIN – James Cole (JC)

SUI – Phillip Kasermann (PK)

JPN – Hiroki Goto (HG)

2. Presidents Report

MR thanked Scott Babbage and Phil Stevenson for their extraordinary efforts in organising the 2011 Worlds, also to Peter Moor for his efforts in conducting the racing and to Vicky from the Belmont 16' Sailing Club for her coordinating efforts.

MR gave a special thanks to the event sponsors, in particular Zhik who stepped in 2 months ago when a major sponsor for the event was needed, SP-Hi Modulus for their support in providing the necessary injection to have video coverage of the event; and the

many minor sponsors from within the class ranks who provided for the after race BBQ's each day which help to foster the right environment for all competitors.

Over the past 12 months we have seen approximately 110 new boats built, slightly down on the previous year but a healthy sign none the less. Of note is the continued number of new home built boats present and performing well at the Worlds.

The class continues to grow in emerging nations and at this AGM we will ratify the membership of IMCA Austria, Singapore, and Spain; all of whom have formed National Associations, elected office bearers and submitted their constitutions for IMCA approval.

Chief Measurer Adam May is about to embark on a major review of the class rules. This is a process we do from time to time and with the last major review being conducted some 5 years ago, now is the appropriate time to conduct another review. It is proposed that Adam lead a Rules Working Group consisting of measurers and technically qualified persons from within the class that will submit proposed rule changes, both to tidy up the rules and to deal with wingsails, in 3 to 4 months time to the Council of Presidents for their endorsement.

MR proposed that a position of Vice President be created within the constitution to further strengthen the class structure with the intent being that the President and Vice President should not be from the same continent to ensure adequate representation at events and on class related matters. Given the current membership spread MR suggested that the incoming Vice President should come from Europe.

MR closed by stating that he would be available to sit as President for one more term up until the 2012 AGM, however after holding the presidency since 2001, he felt 2012 would be the appropriate time for new blood in the position. He stated that he would be available to sit on the Executive Committee for a few years following 2012 should the incoming President wish him to do so.

3. Secretary's Report

Incumbent IMCA Secretary, Chris Graham, sent his apologies. MR highlighted that Chris would stand for another year as Secretary if nominated. MR stated that there were no major issues to note with regards the secretary's position for the year and most of the correspondence received or sent out related to ISAF and the class fees payment.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Martin Gravare outlined the accounts for the past 18 months, having not been able to give consolidated accounts at the previous AGM in Dubai given the shorter timeframe.

For the period 31 June 2009 to 31 December 2010 he highlighted the following:

- Profit of 4255 Euro for the period
- There are no debts or outstanding liabilities
- Costs are mainly related to ISAF Class fees, purchase of boat plaques, and internet hosting
- 326 national members and 8 direct members paid for the period. IMCA France & Denmark have dues outstanding for 2 years or more.

- Income generated mainly from plaque sales and website advertising amounting to 2282 and 750 Euro respectively. Thanks to those Doug Culnane for managing the website advertising and to those companies that contributed.
- Total cash on hand in the IMCA account stands at 8587 Euro with assets in the form of ISAF plaques amounting to 788 Euro and receivables outstanding of 195 Euro.

Martin highlighted that ISAF has recently raised the cost of ISAF Plaques and that IMCA should look at raising the amount it sells these plaques for.

MR highlighted that most international classes hold 20k to 30k Euro as a buffer in their finances and that IMCA needs to build a financial buffer to get the class through any downturn in numbers or in the absence of a major event sponsor. He highlighted that the position of the Executive was to keep membership fees stable at 5 Euro per member and to raise funds through other methods such as plaque fees and website advertising in order to allow National Associations to retain a greater share of their membership income for domestic purposes.

After some discussion on the need to raise the price, Scott Babbage proposed a new plaque fee of 35 Euro (previously 30), seconded by Magnus Gravare, and duly passed.

5. National Association Reports

AUS – Strong growth in numbers with a lot of new blood coming into the class. Focus has been on the Belmont Worlds for most. Hosting the Worlds will create a small surplus for the national association. Looking to hold next Nationals in Victoria in late 2011, early 2012. Members currently around 80.

SWE – 7 to 8 active sailors, no national events held yet although good representation at international events.

GBR – New committee in 2010, aim is to continue to build the class. A lot of boats known to be in the country but not active in association events so aim for 2012 is to encourage more to participate. Hope to see more strong growth in coming year. Next Nationals will be in Stokes Bay in July. Travellers series has proved popular and aim to build on this. Bidding for 2013 Worlds.

USA – 48 members at present. West coast is going great and trying at least one event on the east coast each year with west coast member travelling to. Fleet sizes at events generally 15-20 boats with 10 present here at the Worlds.

SIN – 7 boats with 1 more by end January. Mostly expats with 1 local sailor and 1 female. Aim for next year is to build to double figures with a lot of interest from local Optimist sailors already.

JPN – Nationals generally 15-16 boats, the average age of members is still high but gradually enticing younger sailors to the class with second hand boats proving the most popular to entice new members. Target for 2012 is to get 50 boats at Nationals. Currently 25 members.

SUI – Currently 40 members. Nationals sees 25 boats racing. Some members got new boats delivered straight to Worlds. Plans for 2012 are a series of 4-5 regattas spread throughout the year, perhaps even some racing in the Mediterranean Sea.

ITA – Currently more than 20 boats. Most of the top sailors have swapped their Bladeriders to Mach 2's enabling new members to enter the class cheaply. Aiming to stabilise numbers in 2011 and encourage more participation in international events.

6. Endorsement of new national associations

Application for recognition for national association status has been received from Austria, Singapore, and Spain. The Executive Committee has endorsed these applications.

In accordance with the constitution a proportion of fees collected directly from members in previous years should be returned to these new associations

Motion to accept the applications and waive membership fees for the 2011 calendar year raised by Charlie McKee, seconded by Mike Lennon, and passed unanimously.

7. Update on 2011 Europeans in Travemunde, Germany

An update on preparations for the 2011 Europeans was received from IMCA GER President, Carlo Mage, and read out by MR.

To be held during the long standing Travemunde Week that attracts 1000's of sailors across a number of classes each year. The Moth's will be stationed in the eastern side of the river with easy beach launching and camping nearby. Entry Fee will be 200 Euro with a dash for cash being held with 1500 Euro in prizemoney.

Dates are 23-29 July 2011, with the Dash for Cash on 23rd, Invitation Race on 24th followed by the European Championships from 25th to 29th.

8. Update on 2012 Worlds in Campione del Garda, Italy

An update on preparations for the 2012 Worlds was received from IMCA ITA President, Luka Rizotti, and read out by MR.

Campione is undergoing a major upgrade in the town with both the developer and the local council committing in writing to hosting the event. The clubhouse and boat launching will be on the southern end in the same location as the 2005 Europeans we held but with a completely new clubhouse and facilities. Entry fee is anticipated to be 250 Euro.

A test event (Italian Nationals) will be held in 20-22 August 2011 at the same venue. Provisional Dates for the 2012 Worlds are 18-26 August. Further information will be posted on the IMCA website.

9. Future Championship bids

Bids were received for;

- 2012 European Championships in Mar Menor, Spain
- 2013 European Championships in Sardinia, Italy

- 2013 World Championships in Hayling Island, UK
- 2013 World Championships in California, USA

MR proposed that the World Championship bids be considered first. Mike Lennon presented the 2013 GBR bid with a powerpoint and photos; tentative dates were Late June/Early July. Highlights were that the club has hosted numerous World Championships and is home to approximately 20 moths. Approximately 1.5 hours drive from Heathrow airport.

Charlie McKee presented the 2013 USA bid citing that there were 2 possibilities being Long Beach in California or Hawaii. Both had held Moth events in recent years and would be suitable for a World Championship. Long Beach being 45 mins from LAX airport and Hawaii having upwards of 6 flights from the USA mainland and Australasia daily. Earliest time would be April with the latest being September.

After some discussion the delegates voted 4 votes to 3 to hold the 2013 World Championships in USA with the exact location to be discussed and approved by the Executive Committee.

MR then proposed the intent of holding the 2014 World Championships in Hayling Island, GBR. 5 votes in favour of this intent. IMCA GBR to go back to the club and confirm they can host the championship in 2014 before a final vote is made.

MR presented bids received for 2012 Europeans in Mar Menor, site of the popular Moth Fest. Only 1 vote was received in favour due to holding the World Championships also in Europe in 2012. The meeting resolved that no separate European Championship be held in 2012.

MR proposed that Mar Menor be considered for 2013 alongside a bid from Sardinia, Italy. 5 votes in favour of Mar Menor for 2013 European Championships. The meeting noted a preference towards a May timing for the event.

10. Constitution Changes

MR proposed that the constitution be amended to include the position of Vice President with the aim being that the class has senior level representation at all major events and that the President and Vice President should come from different continents to ensure better representation as the class grows.

With all voting in favour the motion was passed. The Executive Committee to re-write the constitution as such and submit to ISAF for approval.

11. Discussion on Wingsails

MR read out the results of the questionnaire sent to all National Associations in December and recent votes on the subject. Responses were received from all except UAE, NZL, & JPN. Out of 31 votes received 21 were in favour of NOT banning wings. In the emergency vote to allow wingsails to compete in the 2011 Worlds, out of 36 votes cast, 30 were in favour of allowing wingsails to be used in the worlds.

In the remaining questions from the questionnaire, the majority were in favour of measuring wingsails in their entirety, to allow gaps or no gaps, but the majority were not in favour of imposing restrictions that would force rigs to be dismantled into a certain size box for transport. Although the majority were in favour of dropping the 1 sail rule this was not as broad a consensus as the other questions posed.

MR noted that ISAF had stated changes to the class rules were required to make the currently presented configurations legal either through the addition of certain definitions and/or the addition of measurement procedures and relevant exclusions for these designs.

Discussion from the floor ensued with members from USA who had been involved in the wing noting that the class is leading edge in development despite sometimes exhibiting one-design characteristics, they also noted that much had been learned from use of the wing in Belmont including how to handle it on-shore and on-water.

A large number of AUS members present raised concerns that the complexity of the wings would severely reduce the number of people in the class due to the complications of rigging, launching etc.

Simon Payne (GBR) noted that he had seen 20+ years of development in the class and that the key question here was would this development lead to extinction, he cited that "development can both grow and kill the class".

Scott Babbage (IMCA AUS President) stated that the majority of AUS members were against due to cost and handling issues such as rescue procedures.

MR summed up the situation stating that the voting thus far had shown a will of the majority of the members to adopt wingsails, at least in the foreseeable future, and that he proposed to formulate a rules working group with ISAF representation on it to come up with suggested rule amendments which would be put to a vote in an EGM in 3-4 months time. This vote would be in the form of 2 proposed sets of class rules being:

- One set with a general tidy up of a number of redundant and/or conflicting rules
- One set with the general tidy up and rules to include methods to account for and measure, and restrictions on wingsails.

12. Other business

MR asked the members should IMCA be looking again at producing a training DVD to aid new members. A number of members remarked that the last time this was brought up it was felt that the enormous amount of footage publically available was sufficient for this purpose.

Resolution: that no funding be set aside for a training DVD at this stage.

13. Appointment of Office Bearers

Secretary – MR advised that Chris Graham (UAE) was willing to stand again as Secretary. Chris was nominated by Charlie McKee and seconded by Scott Babbage, all in favour.

Treasurer – Martin Gravare (SWE) was nominated by Magnus Gravare and seconded by Scott Babbage, all in favour.

Chief Measurer – MR advised that Adam May (GBR) was willing to stand again as Chief Measurer. Adam was nominated by Mark Robinson and seconded by Scott Babbage, all in favour.

Vice President – Mike Lennon (GBR) was nominated by Charlie McKee and seconded by Scott Babbage, all in favour.

President – Mark Robinson (AUS) was nominated by Martin Gravare and seconded by Magnus Gravare, all in favour.

Executive Committee – MR proposed, seconded by Scott Babbage, that the Executive remained the same with the exception that Simon Payne (GBR) be replaced by Mike Lennon (GBR), all in favour.

MR highlighted that Simon had been brought onto the Executive during his term as IMCA GBR President and that with Mike Lennon currently holding that position it was fitting that Mike be invited to the Executive. He thanked Simon for the immense contribution over many years to the Executive and the class in general.

2011-2012 Executive Committee:

President: Mark Robinson (AUS)

Secretary: Chris Graham (UAE)

Treasurer: Martin Grävare (SWE)

Chief Measurer: Adam May (GBR)

Webmaster: Doug Culnane (AUT)

Scott Babbage (IMCA AUS President)

Jean Pierre Ziegert (IMCA SUI President)

Mike Lennon (IMCA GBR President)

Bora Gulari (USA representative)

Burkhard Staabs (GER representative)

With no further business the AGM was declared closed at 8:05pm.

Dec 2010 Wing questionnaire answers FINAL

Country	Votes	1a Ban Wings	1b Ban length	2 true area	3 same outline	4a allow gaps	4b allow no gaps	4c delete 1 sail rule	5a travel box rule	5b TB Rule worlds only	Worlds NOR Vote
USA	5	NO	2	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	1
SIN	1	NO	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	1
AUT	1	NO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1
ITA	2	NO	X	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	1
SWE	1	NO	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	1
NED	1	NO	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	1
GER	5	NO	Indefinate	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	1
ESP	1	NO	X	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	2
SUI	4	NO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1
NZL	1	NO	X	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	1
GBR	5	YES	Indefinate	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	1
AUS	5	YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2
UAE	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1
JPN	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1

X = Did not respond

Worlds NOR Vote = the vote taken to amend the NOR for 2011 Worlds only (1 = yes to amend NOR)