

International Moth Class Association

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Annual General Meeting - Agenda

Circola Vela Torbole, Italy.
28th June 2007
0930 – 1130hrs

Agenda

1. Welcome

- Appointment of national delegates

AUS – Ned Dally (ND)
AUT – Doug Culnane (DC)
GBR – Simon Payne (SP)
DEN – Soren Buhl (SB)
GER – Burkhard Staabs (BS)
SWE – Per Eskilson (PE)
FRA – Nicolas Bessec (NB)
ITA – Marco Casavecchia (MC)
JPN – Naomi Tachibana (NT)
SUI – Patrick Ruf (PR)

Non voting observers also present from Croatia, Estonia & Finland.

2. President's Report - Mark Robinson (MR)

We are still in a massive growth phase, and the possibility of 100 boats at class championships soon is likely. With the advent of foilers, commercial builders have ramped up boat production. It is good to see a number of new countries coming in, but it will require constant change to embrace these new countries into the existing Moth community. Looking to the future, the Exec committee probably needs help with management of class as we continue to grow.

3. Secretary's Report - Adam May (AM)

Continued interest in the class. Lots of work going on in the background on rules and the constitution, and helping new countries into the IMCA World fleet.

4. Financial Report - Rohan Veal (RV)

Financially the class is looking okay, having made a profit on the 2006 Worlds DVD, and not really having any major outgoings outside of ISAF fees. The Worlds DVD resulted in a \$1788AUD profit in 2005, and in 2006 there was around \$2000AUD continued profit from DVD sales.

The current membership levee is at 1 euro per person, but this was felt to be not quite enough as income has dropped significantly since the change to the membership levee system in 2006. A levee of 2 Euro per member was suggested. The fact that this was quite low was expressed from the fleet and the topic discussed in more detail.

Questions such as how much money do we need to promote the class? And should the class support the activities of the President or Sec? (ie travel to check out Worlds venue) were raised. The cost of a World championship is covered by the entry fee, with financial responsibility taken by the host club. The class used to have a levee on the entry fee that would come back to the class in order to cover our ISAF fees,

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as they are our main cost. This has not been used in recent years due to the available profit from DVD sales.

If there were extra funds available to IMCA these could also be used to help the growth of the class, with activities such as helping countries who are setting up fleets.

The production of a 'How to Sail a Moth' DVD could also be a good way to raise class funds.

Actions:

- Change to membership levee of 2 Euro per member. MR proposed – SP seconded, all in favour.
- Reintroduce the Worlds levee of €10 per entry at the next World Championships to cover ISAF class fees. MR proposed – SP seconded, all in favour.

5. Matters arising from 2006 Minutes

- Direct membership of IMCA & in house certification (refer to point 6 below)

- IMCA UK report on different course configurations:

The UK fleet has been using a triangle, sausage, triangle course on their open meeting circuit, and it has proved popular. There were strong feelings against the use of the P/D course. The current Moth P/D course was discussed within the AGM and an informal vote was put to the floor about who would like to see that course used again. There were no votes in favour of retaining the P/D course.

- Moth Training DVD:

The training DVD was discussed again. All agree it is a great idea, but it is a matter of finding somebody to take the footage, edit it and produce it. Suggested to do it in Europe, probably the UK due to the number of boats it could involve. Adam May has the basic format and information to go into it within the 'Foiling Guide' he's been working on. The German fleet did some investigating mid meeting and came back with a price of €300 per day to cut. Great publicity for the class, and potential money making idea.

Actions:

- The IMCA Executive to continue investigating course options for the 2007 World Championships.
- Invest in class video. UK and German fleets to investigate somebody to edit up and produce the footage. Do the job properly with a good looking 45mins/ hour, professionally done product similar to 'higher and faster' videos.

6. Proposed Amendments to IMCA Class Rules & Constitution

- ***Direct Membership of IMCA (World) for sailors from countries where no national class association exists.***

It was proposed that the Constitution be amended to allow direct membership of IMCA by those person/s residing in countries where no national class association currently exists AND where there are less than 5 active moth sailors in that country. The fee will be set at the average of the worldwide national class membership fees, and a proportion of collected fees to be held in trust by IMCA and return to the country when it reaches 5 or more moth sailors to aid in the set up of a national class association in that country.

- ***Certification***

Currently when a person buys a moth from one of the commercial builders he/she must still go through an arduous process to have the boat measured and registered even though most of the commercially build moths are identical to their sister ships in most ways. As the class grows in popularity and new

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owners come from regions when the class does not currently exist, we need a process that enables them to have their boat measured and registered easily to capture them within the 'moth community'.

It is proposed that the constitution and class rules be amended to require 'commercial builders', being those that produce more than 5 moths hulls or 5 moth sails per year, sell these boats (or sails) complete with an ISAF ICF Plaque and completed measurement form. This will mean that all a new owner needs to do is send the measurement form to their national sailing federation for endorsement and join a national moth class association to be eligible to compete. This will require appointing measurers in the vicinity of the major builders and may require a small fee for measurement which can be factored into the new boat or sail cost.

This is a process already done by major builders of a number of classes and is intended to aid greatly in turning new moth owners into active moth racers.

- Standard Measurement Forms

It is proposed to adopt a worldwide standard measurement form to assist in the application of proposal 3 above. This form will consist of 2 parts being; Part 1 measuring the hull, mast, wings and foils (the boat and rig) and Part 2 being the measurement of the sail.

- Standard Worldwide Sail Numbers

Moths are increasingly being sold across borders, requiring new owners to not only change numbers on the bought sails, but also go through a re-registration process. It is also increasingly difficult to tell how many moths have been sold or are active in the world. It is proposed that all new moths worldwide carry the same number as their ISAF ICF Plaque as their sail number (currently this is around 3190). All current moths may carry their existing nationally issued sail numbers until such time as the boat is sold, and then the new owner shall revert to using the ISAF ICF Plaque number as their sail number along with their country code.

Boats sold after Jan 1st 2008, would adopt this system, with it being optional for current boat owners until such time as their boat is sold.

All proposals were put to the floor for discussion, with no objections a vote was taken with all members present in favour.

Actions;

- The IMCA Executive to present the required constitutional and class rule changes to ISAF for approval and implementation.
- The IMCA Executive to work with commercial builders to implement the certification system above
- The IMCA Executive to write to National Authorities to explain the new sail numbering and measurement system.

7. National Associations Reports

Denmark: 4 boats recently into the country. Increased contact with Danish sailing union. Lot's of press in magazines. Lots of thinking and activity – moving fwd.

Germany: 5 new members – 1 enquiry a week, lots of interest. Looking into new areas to sail, instead of middle country lakes. Class is rising.

Dubai: – only one boat, but lots of interest, 2 more boats on order, with 2/3 more. Possible event in the near future – March?

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Switzerland: – 2 new sailors, 1 regatta with 4 entries for a light wind event. 3 new Bladeriders coming into the country soon.

Sweden: – 3 times the fleet size of last year. Decent dormant fleet, sailing in private. Possibly 5 in Gothenburg. Practicing and racing as a unit, working to get noticed. Several boats went up to Oslo, which created a lot of interest. The class is invited back again next year. Target of 10 boats active by next summer.

Italy: – Currently 13 boats with 5/7 more after the Worlds. Slightly perceived as a play thing though in Italy rather than a racing boat. Nationals in Sept at the Skiff festival on Como.

Austria: – Early stages of fleet recreation, with the fleet doubled in size recently when Rohan's boat was sold to there. Continued interest.

Great Britain: – Season started well with 15 foilers at first event, but with people enjoying just going sailing so much at their own clubs, the weather forecast has tended to dictate weekend event turnouts. Main fleets at: Hayling, Weymouth, Grafham 6 boats, good dinghy show presence. New Moth builder - Mike Cooke.

Japan: – 15 active sailors.

Australia: – 50/60 active boats, mostly new foilers. Sydney fleet large – 30. Scows in Queensland, numbers increasing 10/15 a year, more amateur built boats. Nationals in Adelaide. 4th – 10th Jan 08

France: – Quiet at the moment but just at beginning of a boom. Currently 20 Moths with 7 foilers. Lots building their own. More new boats to come, 2 boats going back their after Garda, and 5/6 Bladeriders soon. Getting them to race together is the plan.

Croatia: – Building first moth, finished in 10 days time. Lots of interest at home club. 3 boats by end of year, and plans to have a new class association by the end of last year.

Netherlands: – Quiet at the moment, 470 sailor Sven Koster has new Bladerider. Moth activities improving slowly, but conservative.

USA: – Lots of International Moths in the country now, but many are still involved with the Modern Moth debate. 4/5 Prowlers in the country now with 9 Bladeriders. Main locations at the moment: Seattle, LA, San Diego, Detroit, & Texas. 15 foilers by the end of the year.

There is activity in the following countries as well: EST, POR, ARG, Chile, Brazil,

8. Future World Championships venues

- Proposal for 2008 Worlds at Weymouth, UK from the 5th – 11th of July. All in favour.
- Proposal for Oct 2009 Worlds in Japan. The Japanese fleet are to report back by the end of 2007 with confirmation of acceptance and proposed dates/venue.
- Proposal for 2010/11 Worlds in New South Wales, Australia, or a year earlier if no Japan. Lake Macquarie, North of Sydney. Same lake as the 1995 Worlds. Expected breeze of 15-20k.

On the subject of events, an invite to be part of Kiel Week was discussed. With a World Championships in Europe it was felt to be unwise to make it a Europeans, but it is likely to happen as a less formal 'Euro Cup' event for approximately 30 boats. Provisional date of the last week in June. Germans, Scandinavians & Brits, all expressed an interest to attend.

Actions:

- IMCA UK to book Weymouth for 2008 Worlds and confirm with IMCA
- IMCA JPN to confirm by end of 2007 as to hosting of 2009 Worlds.
- IMCA GER to confirm with Kiel Week organisers that the moth class will be present in 2008 event.

9. IMCA Database Proposal

- Doug Culnane introduced a web application and online database tool to aid with IMCA administration. To be undertaken in Java, so the IMCA website is to be relocated to a suitable new host. All members present were in favour of the concept.

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Actions;

- DC to come up with proposals for IMCA Executive to approve.

10. General Business

11. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

- Rohan Veal stepped down as IMCA Treasurer and Martin Grävare (SWE) was suggested as the new treasurer by Per Eskilson. Martin accepted the position. Rohan Veal nominated, Burkhard Staabs seconded. All voted in favour with no abstentions. Mark Robinson thanked Rohan for his tireless contribution to the class as Secretary/Treasurer from 2001 and Treasurer from 2005.
- Mark Robinson and Adam May were prepared to stand again as President and Secretary. There were no objections or other nominations. Simon Payne nominated, Burkhard Staabs seconded. All voted in favour with no abstentions.
- New active members were sought to become part of the Executive Committee to help give the committee a more international feel and to help with the general running of the class in between AGM's. Burkhard Staabs stated he was prepared to help out.

The Executive committee is:

Mark Robinson - President (SIN)
Adam May – Secretary (GBR)
Simon Payne – IMCA GBR President (GBR)
Rohan Veal (AUS)
Burkhaard Staabs (GER)
Doug Culnane - Webmaster (AUT)

With Martin Grävare assisting as IMCA Treasurer.

All members present voted in favour of the proposed Executive Committee with no abstentions

With no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1140 hours.
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