

1999 IAA MINUTES

October 9 and 12, 1999

4 Anchor Way, Dewey Beach, Delaware, USA

Present:

Jean Simmons (Vice President; NAA)
Peter Fontes (NAA, Proxy for Deborah Snowdon)
Michael McNamara (NAA, IAA Representative to RYA)
Ian Rogers (Treasurer; CAA)
Heather Macnaughton (CAA Commodore; did not vote-no Proxy from Rosemary Helmer)
Douglas Marsh (USAA Representative)
Barney Harris (USAA Representative)
Daphne Byron (President; USAA)
In Rosemary's absence, Daphne asked Doug to take minutes.

1. Establishment of Voting Members for Each Country and Quorum (D. Byron/I. Rogers)

A Quorum was present

Votes:

UK - 8 (based on 258 members)

Canada - 4 (based on 94 members)

USA - 4 (based on 51 members)

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 1997 Minutes at Hayling Island (R. Helmer)

Peter Fontes asked for additional time to make corrections with a commitment to do so before the end of the closing dinner. There was no objection. Subsequently, at the Oct 12 reconvening, Peter distributed a copy of the minutes with his corrections. NOTE-upon further review, Doug Marsh corrected and initialed a change to item 2b: the date should be July 27, 1995, not 1997.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

- Membership definition (R. Helmer). No report
- IAA handbook (R. Helmer). Written proposal submitted. General comments were that this is too expensive, becomes out of date too quickly, and its ends can be accomplished electronically via the WWW. IAA Relationships with ISAF and RYA - see item 3E.
- IAA Website (R. Helmer). Written proposal submitted. General comments were that the WWW is an extremely valuable means of aiding the Class, however, rather than a separate IAA site, a page relative to the IAA should be added to each national Association's web site. The page should be identical on all sites. Jean Simmons volunteered to ask the UK webmaster, Steve Wilson, if he would build the page and establish the appropriate hot links. The IAA page could contain the IAA constitution, list of IAA representatives and officers, results and locations of past World's/ International's Championships, Class rules, Minutes of previous IAA meetings (after IAA executive approval), etc. It was noted that it would be preferable if web site additions and change control not be restricted to one person. Peter Fontes expressed concern that a complete set of IAA minutes may not exist. This problem stops once they are on web sites. He will copy what he has ('85, '89, '91, '93, '95, and '97); Doug will ask Dave Wallerstein for whatever Dave has; Michael will ask David Innes for whatever David has {not mentioned-IAA Secretary's books should contain a complete set}.
- IAA/ISAF/RYA Relationships (D. Byron/R. Helmer). Daphne reported that there is no apparent value to IAA association with ISAF except use of the term "World's" and the cost is high: 700 Pounds (P) to enter, 250P per year, 0.4% for each boat sold; no one disagreed.
- Michael presented copies (Jan. '75 and Apr. '77) of the formal transfer of the Albacore copyright from the

Uffa Fox Foundation to the RYA. Doug noted that copyrights are legally protected and should not be ignored. Michael indicated that RYA is requesting a 2% builder's fee per new boat of which they forward 1P to the Uffa Fox Foundation, keep half the remainder, and return the rest to the national Association. Currently, RYA receives 75P in the UK. In return, RYA helps in the enforcement of rules issues, and they would also like to administer allocation of numbers, which is currently done by a CAA volunteer. Presently, per the '95 IAA meeting, IAA has paid via Peter Fontes, 38P per year to maintain formal affiliation with RYA; as part of this affiliation, Michael, in his role as RYA contact, will ask RYA to add the up to date Albacore rules to their website.

Proposal by Ian, seconded by Doug: **Resolved** that the IAA notify the national Associations that the RYA is the owner of the Albacore copyright and therefore should handle number allocations and can assess an appropriate builder's fee, which needs to be negotiated. **Passed** unanimously.

4. New country members (R. Helmer)

Gibraltar and Cyprus have a few Albacores. All Albacore website URLs should be included in all Albacore newsletters.

5. Treasurer's Report (I. Rogers)

- **Member Countries in Good Standing &/or payment of Dues**
- **Financial Affairs of the Association - July 97 to Oct 99**

Report submitted shows countries paid up per billing through 1998 and IAA is \$816.65CA in the RED. Report is in error: Deficit is \$502.05CA. Almost all IAA expenses in the past have been for telecommunications which IAA members should be able to bill to the national Associations. Only the 38P to the RYA does not meet this criteria. Since the Yearbook and a separate website will not be pursued, the IAA needs no significant financial resources. Ian suggested budget with \$800CA income and \$550CA expenses. Given the following resolutions, this budget is not needed, and the suggestion to the incoming IAA Council is to use e-mail for regular communication rather than teleconferences.

Proposed by Peter, seconded by Barney: **Resolved** no future telecommunication or other charges, except the RYA affiliation fee, by IAA Council members are to be charged to the IAA; such charges should be placed to the member's national Association. **Passed** unanimously.

Proposed by Ian, seconded by Barney: **Resolved** that a one-time assessment to national Associations of \$2CA per Association voting member be placed for the year 2000 to pay for RYA affiliation (38P per year) and any remaining past bills; all future vouchers to IAA must be presented within 1 year of payment; 1999 assessments to national Associations are waived; the \$2CA per year assessment for year beyond 2000 is ended. **Passed** unanimously (Jean noted the NAA would have to agree prior to their acceptance).

6. New Business

- International for 2001 (M. McNamara) - The Royal Torbay Yacht Club in Torquay, Devon has been tentatively locked in for the first week of August 2001.

Proposed by Jean, seconded by Peter: **Resolved** to accept the above. **Passed** unanimously.

- Future World's Rotation- confirm or change (D. Byron) - confirmed and to be reassessed in 2001.
- Status of Albacore Operations Worldwide (R. Helmer) - UK builders are Holt Racing Dinghies (GRP) and Bob Hoare Boats (wood), both off the old Woof shape. In NA, Ontario Yachts is the only builder, and HAPCO is refurbishing old club boats.
- New Revenue Generation Strategies for IAA (R. Helmer) - no report

7. International Chief of Specifications Report

- Rule changes regarding the clarification of exotic materials and the "Category A" specification have been

accepted by all national Associations. It is suggested that the rules should be modified to specify what is allowed for materials use to avoid need for interpreting "exotic." Dave Weaver, Barney, and Michael, as the International Technical Committee should develop a proposal. Heather will forward Weaver's e-mail regarding "exotic materials" to Council members.

- There is no support for removal of the bare hull weight rule: both bare hull and all up rules should remain in force.

8. Election of IAA Officers

NAA Derek Gibbon (President)
Jean Simmons (Representative)
Deborah Snowdon (Representative)
CAA Neil Gunn (Treasurer)

To be determined (VP per Constitution) Note: Peter Fontes had a copy of the 1991 minutes written by Rosemary Helmer and showing her as the VP; thus Rosemary is not eligible to continue since she has been on the Council for 8 years.

USAA Doug Marsh (Secretary)
To be determined (Barney has served since 1991)
Past President Daphne Byron

Passed unanimously.

9. Other Business

Ian will assist on legal issues as needed pro bono.

CAA has paid a marine architect \$1500CA for drawing of a new interior design with the intent of it being lower in cost and easier to upright after a capsize. This design would require internal rules changes. Ontario Yachts may exercise the design using an old hull. Based on a brief look at the interior and exterior profile and section sketches presented at the CAA meeting, Barney noted that the designer's efforts to make an Albacore which is easily righted after a capsize might not have appropriately accommodated the forces and loads experienced during normal sailing. As a result of the damage to NAA by the P1 prototype and the Kingsfield measurement problems, does not wish to be involved in prototype work at this time.

10. Adjournment

Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned. **Passed** unanimously at 9:59pm Oct 12, 1999

Respectfully Submitted

Douglas G. Marsh

SUBSEQUENT ACTION: At the Closing Dinner, Oct. 15, 1999, Peter submitted two written motions which were seconded in writing by Daphne:

1. That the minutes of the Meeting of the IAA executive held at Hayling Island Sailing Club from 28 July through 31st July 1997 inclusive as amended by Peter Fontes as chairman of those meetings and approved by Daphne Byron as President of the International Albacore Association (IAA) and submitted to Doug Marsh on 12th October 1999 as the new Secretary of the IAA be and are HEREBY APPROVED.
2. That pursuant to the above and the provision of the RYA Copyright agreements [submitted] to the Rehoboth meetings [held at 4 Anchor Way, Dewey Beach], the motion on page 8 item 4(f) [of the Hayling Island minutes] regarding the Constitutional Rule change to Article VI (Copyright) of the IAA Constitution in the above [Hayling Island] minutes regarding the deletion of the second sentence as to the "stated desires of the RYA" be HEREBY ADOPTED and APPROVED. [Words in brackets subsequently added by the

Secretary for purposes of clarification only].

Passed unanimously by signature on the submission sheet.

**Minutes of the International Albacore Association Open Meeting
October 9, 1999
Rehoboth Sailing Club, Dewey Beach, Delaware, USA**

Executives and Representatives Present:

Jean Simmons (Vice President; UK)
Peter Fontes (UK, Proxy for Deborah Snowdon)
Gordon Chu (for Ian Rogers CAA)
Douglas Marsh (USA Representative)
Barney Harris (USA Representative)
Daphne Byron (President; USA)

In Rosemary's absence, Daphne asked Doug to take minutes. Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.

1. Specifications:

Gordon Chu: The clarification that rudders may be of any material subject to the limitations of not being "exotic" were passed at the CAA general meeting, as was the "Category A" designation for Albacore events. "Exotic" needs clarification.

Lars Rathjen: the above issues have been discussed by the USAA executives.

Bill Kleysteuber – carbon fibers should not be considered "exotic" since it is easier to get them than to get unidirectional fiberglass.

Dave Wallerstein – RYA seems to require national letter designations but USAA and CAA rules don't. Clarification is needed.

- **ISAF membership** – Daphne reported this is not financially viable, so we will call our event "internationals" instead of "World's."
- **Website** – Daphne indicated IAA is considering an IAA website to help document Class history. Peter Fontes questioned the need for an IAA website given that the three national Associations all have good websites. Perhaps a separate page for IAA on each site would be better.
- **Member Assessment** – Lars asked what this was about. Daphne reported that it is \$2CA per voting member and is intended to cover expenses of IAA representatives doing IAA business.
- **Adjournment** – moved by Doug Marsh and approved, 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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