



# International Radio Sailing Association



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## Minutes of the 2014 General Assembly

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**Held via the online National Member forum between 4th and 10th May 2014**

### Welcome statement by the Chairman

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the 30 Member representatives, IOMICA, 10 officer nominees, ISAF Observer Jon Napier and members of the Executive to the International Radio Sailing Association's 2014 General Assembly.

The build up to this GA must go down in history as having the most aggressive election campaign resulting in there being two nominee's for every Executive Officer position.

The Executive also hopes that the proposed changes to the constitution are accepted paving the way for IRSA to progress with many other issues which have been reliant on an established constitution.

The behind the scenes work to make this all happen has taken much time and discussion and we hope that it enables you to have a successful and productive General Assembly.

Des Fairbank (Chairman)

### (1) Attendance

National Members	in good standing at 28/04/2014 - 31 number having nominated representatives - 29 number ARG, AUS, BAR, BEL, BRA, CAN, CHI, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, IRL, ITA, ISR, MLT, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RSA, SWE, SUI, TUR, USA having registered attendance - 24 number ARG, AUS, BEL, BRA, CAN, CHI, CRO, CZE, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, ISR, MLT, NOR, NZL, POL, POR, RSA, SWE, SUI, TUR, USA unable to take part due to being suspended AUT, GRE, SAM, SLO
International Class Associations	having registered attendance IOMICA
Officer nominees	having registered attendance D Alston, G Bantock, C Durant, P Egea, H Fass, L Gilbert, S Holland, M Longhi, P Montero
Observers	ISAF

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**(2) Approve the Agenda**

The approval of the Agenda was balloted prior to the commencement of the meeting.  
Number of votes cast 17. In favour 15, against 0, abstentions 0.  
Approved.

**(3) Appoint a Scrutineer**

Motion to appoint Jon Napier (ISAF Competitions Manager) as scrutineer.  
Proposed by ARG, seconded by FRA and GER.  
Number of votes cast 13. In favour 13, against 0, abstentions 0. Motion approved.

**(4) Approve the minutes of the last General Assembly**

Motion to approve the minutes.  
The minutes were published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.  
Proposed by CAN, seconded by TUR.  
Number of votes cast 11. In favour 9, against 0, abstentions 2. Motion approved.

**(5) Matters arising there from**

There were no matters arising.

**(6) Receive the Officer Reports**

Motion - Approve the Chairman's report  
The Chairman's report was published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.  
Proposed by CAN, seconded by MLT.  
Number of votes cast 10. In favour 9, against 0, abstentions 1. Report approved.

Motion - Approve the Secretary's report  
The Secretary's report was published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.  
Proposed by CAN, seconded by MLT.  
Number of votes cast 9. In favour 9, against 0, abstentions 0. Report approved.

Motion - Approve the Treasurer's report  
The Treasurer's report was published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.  
Proposed by CAN, seconded by MLT.  
Number of votes cast 9. In favour 9, against 0, abstentions 0. Report approved.

Motion - Approve the Racing Rules Chairman's report  
The Racing Rules Chairman's report was published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.  
Proposed by CAN, seconded by MLT.  
Number of votes cast 9. In favour 9, against 0, abstentions 0. Report approved.

Motion - Approve the Technical Chairperson's report  
The Technical Chairperson's report was published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.  
Proposed by CAN, seconded by MLT.  
Number of votes cast 8. In favour 7, against 0, abstentions 1. Report approved.

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Motion - Approve the OP Chairman's report

The OP Chairman's report was published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.

Proposed by CAN, seconded by MLT.

Number of votes cast 6. In favour 5, against 0, abstentions 1. Report approved.

Motion - Approve the Publicity Officer's report

The Publicity Officer's report was published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.

Proposed by CAN, seconded by MLT.

Number of votes cast 6. In favour 5, against 0, abstentions 1. Report approved.

### (7) **Receive the Audited Accounts**

Motion - Receive the Audited Accounts

The accounts were published prior to the meeting in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.

Proposed by CAN, seconded by ARG.

Number of votes cast 12. In favour 10, against 0, abstentions 2. Accounts received.

### (8) **Set the Subscriptions**

Motion - The Executive Committee proposed that the annual subscription for the next two years for all subscription categories should be zero.

Proposed by GER, seconded by AUS, ARG, TUR, CHI, ITA.

Number of votes cast 13. In favour 13, against 0, abstentions 0. Motion approved.

### (9) **Motions and Amendments**

Motion - Approve the Revisions to the Constitution

As set out in paragraph (3) of the document entitled "Motions being placed before the 2014 General Assembly" dated 8th February 2014. The document was also published in the Documents tab of the GA 2014 page.

The motion was in 2 parts - the first part was to accept all proposed revisions. The second part was to consider each revision individually if the first part was not accepted.

The ballot for this motion was taken prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Number of votes cast in respect of the primary motion 18. In favour 14, against 1, abstentions 3. The number of votes in favour was 77.7%.

In accordance with clause 10.1 (iii) of the Constitution, the motion received more than two thirds of the votes cast.

The voting papers were scrutinised by Jon Napier of ISAF and he confirmed that he was happy with the process by way of a letter dated 8/5/2014.

Accordingly, the Revisions to the Constitution were approved.

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### (10) Any other urgent business

The following motion was proposed by CAN and seconded by ARG, USA and CHI.

That the new executive prepares a change to the Constitution as follows:

That clause 7.3 should be amended to additionally state:

- (i) Only a member/resident of a country within a region should be eligible for the position of Regional Office for that Region;
- (ii) The nomination for the position of Regional Officer may only come from a member country of that region;
- (iii) The voting for the position be restricted to member countries within the region.

Number of votes cast 10. In favour 8, against 1, abstentions 1. Motion approved.

### (11) Elect the Officers

The ballot for officer positions was taken prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Ballot papers were received from 20 Members with one ballot paper declared invalid due to having been received after the deadline for receipt of ballot papers.

The ballot papers were scrutinised by Jon Napier of ISAF and he confirmed that he was happy with the outcome of each ballot by way of a letter dated 8/5/2014.

The following nominees were elected:

Officer		Votes cast	For	Against
Chairman	Lester Gilbert (GBR)	19	10	9
Vice Chairman	Federico Breuer Moreno (ARG)	18	10	8
Secretary / Treasurer	Richard Rowan (IRL)	19	12	7
Racing Rules Chairman	Roy Granich (NZL)	19	10	9
Technical Chairman	Graham Bantock (GBR)	19	10	9
OP Chairman	Terry Rensch (GBR)	19	10	9
Publicity Officer	Robert Hobbs (GBR)	19	11	8
RO Americas	Jim Atkinson (USA)	19	11	8
RO Europe	Matteo Longhi (ITA)	19	11	8
RO Oceania	Selywn Holland (AUS)	19	11	8

### Closing statement by the outgoing Chairman

We have now come to the end of the 2014 General Assembly of the International Radio Sailing Association. After all the hype during the lead up to the meeting, the General Assembly went off well, albeit without much discussion or interaction from the representatives. This could possibly be attributed to the fact that the hotly contested nominee vote and the vote on the constitution were handled via a ballot paper prior to the General Assembly.

I would like to thank those that supported me over the last two years including members of the EC and an additional thanks to Secretary/Treasurer Richard Rowan for all the work he has done in setting up the General Assembly. Thanks to those Members who supported me during the General Assembly but unfortunately it was not to be and I feel I have let you down. To those of

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the old guard who have been re-elected congratulations and I am sure you will do your best to keep IRSA moving along the path created over the past four years.

In conclusion I wish the new executive under the chairmanship of Lester Gilbert everything of the best.

Des Fairbank

### **The General Assembly was closed at 20:30 hrs GMT 09/05/2014**

These minutes were prepared by Richard Rowan (General Secretary) on 25/5/2014 and were sent to all National Members by way of email on 01/6/2014.

In accordance with clause 6.11 of the 2014 Constitution, National Members have until 29/6/2014 to comment on or approve the Minutes. The minutes will then be subject to review at the 2016 General Assembly.

Signed :



Lester Gilbert

Chairman

25th May 2014

Signed :



Richard Rowan

General Secretary

25th May 2014