



**Minutes of the General Assembly of the ISAF-RSD held at Ramla Bay Hotel
Malta, on Wednesday 7th April 1999.**

PRESENT: Chairman - John Cleave, General Secretary/Treasurer - Ken Roberts,
Chairman Technical Committee - Graham Bantock, International
Regatta Officer - Keith Skipper, Chairman Organisation & Policy
Committee - David Coode, Publicity Officer - Anthony Debono,
Minuting Secretary - Joyce Roberts.

DIVISION MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES:

Australia - Cameron Clarke
Belarus - Andrey Misiakow
Croatia - Zoran Grubisa
Germany - Jochen Weiss
Italy - Roberto Valle
Malta - Keith Poulton
Slovenia - Miro Zule
Turkey - Murat S Sussa
United Kingdom - Keith Skipper
U.S.A. - John Rizopoulos

POSTAL VOTES

Canada (Dick J. Stanford) France (Laurent Chapelot), Ireland (Richard Rowan), Latvia, Monaco, New Zealand (Paul Chisholm), Sweden.
Holland had submitted a postal vote, but this was not accepted due to non-payment of their 1999 subscription.

PROXY VOTE:

Spain given to U.K.

There were 18 votes available.
42 people attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Jan Dejmo, Norman Hatfield, Nick Weall

The Chairman opened the meeting at 20.15 welcoming all present.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was approved.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the 1997 General Assembly.**

The Minutes of the 1997 General Assembly were agreed and signed as being a true record.

Proposed: Australia
Seconded: New Zealand

All postal votes in favour

3. **Matters arising therefrom.**

There were no matters arising.

4. **To Receive the Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman's report was received. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes (Paper A)

5. **To Receive the Audited Accounts.**

The accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1998 have been audited and posted to all Division Members in September 1998.

The Treasurer read out the current financial statement.

The Treasurer's report is attached to the minutes (Paper B).

Proposed: Australia
Seconded: New Zealand

6. **To Review Subscriptions.**

Proposed by the Permanent Committee, Seconded by Australia.

Subscriptions to be increased by 10% in 2000.

Votes in favour 12

Votes against - France, Abstain - Latvia, USA and 2 others.

Motion carried.

7. **To Receive the Officers' Reports.**

Chairman of the Organisation & Policy Committee Report

David Coode read out his report, which was received by the meeting.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes (Paper C)

There was a general discussion raised by Australia about the role of International Class Associations (ICA) including:

- i) Championship venues to be decided by ICA subject to RSD PC approval.
- ii) There would be a small fee payable by ICA members. Some expense would be borne by RSD.
- iii) Rating rules would be agreed by ICA members subject to Technical Committee guidance and approval.

Chairman of the Technical Committee Report

Graham Bantock read out his report which was received by the meeting.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes (Paper D).

Australia raised the question regarding the registration of Marbleheads as 10 Raters, and this was discussed.

Australia referred to Item 8b(i) January 1999 PC minutes regarding the

rationale behind the decision not to amend the One Metre rule to allow pigmentation of the lay up resin and the "Bent swinging Wire" at the mainsail head attachment. The Chairman TC explained the reasoning why the PC agreed to do nothing about these rule changes, waiting until the new rule is produced.

Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee Report

Nick Weall's written report was read out to the meeting by the Chairman, and was received by the meeting.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes (Paper E).

International Regatta Officer's Report

Keith Skipper summarised his written report which was received by the meeting. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes (Paper F).

There was a general discussion on entries to championships and additions to the entry form - e.g. Next of Kin should be added in case of accident.

David Coode drew the meetings' attention to the brochure now available produced by the Changi Sailing Club Singapore. This Club is hosting ISAF-RSD World Championship 27 November - 4 December 1999. The web site will be set up April/May.

Publicity Officer's Report.

Anthony Debono read out his report which was received by the meeting.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes (Paper G)

Secretary's Report

Ken Roberts read out his "retirement" report, which was received by the meeting.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes (Paper H)

8. Election of Officers

Nominations had been received by December 13 1998 for the following positions for which there was no contest.

It was proposed by Australia and seconded by New Zealand that the following be elected to the Permanent Committee. The meeting was in favour.

The Chairman	John Cleave
The Vice Chairman	Jan Dejmo
The General Secretary/Treasurer	Keith Skipper
The Chairman Racing Rules Committee	Nick Weall
The Chairman Organisation & Policy Committee	David Coode
International Regatta Officer	Zoran Grubisa
Nominated Members	Bernaud Merlaud
	Ken Roberts

For the position of Chairman of the Technical Committee two nominations had been received: Graham Bantock and David Chivers.

Graham Bantock was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Anthony Debono had since decided not to stand as Publicity Officer and this position remains vacant.

9. **Motions and Amendments**

Motion put forward by the Permanent Committee
ISAF-RSD Constitution be adopted to replace the one approved at the January 1997 General Assembly (as sent out to Division Members October 1998).

Amendments.

Amendments to the proposed ISAF-RSD Constitution are put forward by the Permanent Committee which had been circulated to all Division Members.

The voting on the amendments were as follows:

Amendment 1	- For	17	Against	0	Carried
2	-	16		1	Carried
3	-	16		1	Carried
4	-	17		0	Carried
5	-	17		0	Carried
6	-	17		0	Carried
7	-	17		0	Carried
8	-	15		2	Carried
9	-	15		2	Carried
10	-	17		0	Carried
11	-	17		0	Carried
12	-	15		2	Carried
13	-	12		2	Carried

There was some disagreement from those present about what was really intended with Amendments 14 and 15.

The Chairman asked that Amendments 14 and 15 be withdrawn, provided that all appointed representatives of Division Members present considered them to be urgent as Constitution Clause 6.10.

Proposed by Australia - Seconded by U.S.A. Carried unanimously by those present that Amendments 14 and 15 be withdrawn.

The withdrawal of Amendments 14 and 15 means that the Permanent Committee will consist of eleven (11) members as documented in Constitution April 1999 Clause 7.1.

The new Constitution (April 1999) to include amendments 1-13 was passed unanimously.

10. **Any Other Business**

1. One of the delegates requested that when a person is asked to serve on a committee the Division Member of that person should be consulted before the appointment is confirmed.
2. Paul Chisholm expressed New Zealand's disapproval of the way One Metre rule amendments were handled at the Permanent Committee meeting January 1999.

The meeting closed at 22.00 hours.