

**MINUTES OF 19TH ASAFA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
13TH JANUARY 2004 AT MUMBAI (INDIA)**

1. The 19th ASAFA General Meeting was held at 1030 hours on 13th January 2004, in the Crystal Room (South) of the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower Hotel, Mumbai, India. Of the 19 MNAs that are members of the ASAFA, representatives of 14 countries attended the meeting which was chaired by Admiral Madhvendra Singh. The following attended the meeting: -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Designation</u>
<u>ASAFA Office Bearers</u>		
Admiral Madhvendra Singh	India	President ASAFA
Mr Ajay Balram	India	Executive Vice President ASAFA
Commodore AS Bajwa	India	Secretary General ASAFA
<u>Country Representatives</u>		
Mr Xueping Ding	China	Country Representative
Mr Chen Ming Chan	Chinese Taipei	Country Representative
Mr Keith Mowser	Hong Kong	Vice President, HKYA
Commodore SK Mongia (Retd)	India	Executive Vice President, YAI
Mr Subianto	Indonesia	Country Representative
Mr Masayoshi Kojima	Japan	Country Representative
Mr Ji Chul Park	Korea	Country Representative
Mr Khalid Aljodury	Kuwait	Country Representative
Mr Jimmy Tan	Malaysia	Secretary General MYA
Vice Admiral Irfan Ahmed	Pakistan	President PSF
Mr Khalid Al Kuwari	Qatar	Country Representative
Mr Low Teo Ping	Singapore	President SSF
Capt D Dharmasiriwardene	Sri Lanka	Secretary General YASL
Mr Morten Jakobsen	Thailand	Country Representative
<u>Observers</u>		
Mr Goran Petersson		Vice President ISAF
Ms Teresa Lara		Chairperson ISAF Regional Games Committee
Mr Rabi Ahuja		Founder Member ASAFA
<u>New Member</u>		
Mr Barrie Harmsworth (UAE)		Secretary General(UAE-MSF)

2. The President ASAFAF welcomed all the members to the 19th meeting of the Executive Council of ASAFAF and placed on record his appreciation of the efforts by the founding fathers of ASAFAF and the member countries over the past 22 years for the development of this sport in Asia. He emphasized the need to further expand the ASAFAF membership, as also the number of sailing events conducted in the Asian region.

3. A proposal to admit UAE to the ASAFAF was passed by the Council. Mr Barrie Harmsworth, Secretary General of UAE –MSF was, therefore, requested to join the members and attend the meeting. He assured the ASAFAF members that the UAE would help ASAFAF to take this sport to a higher level.

4. Mr Goran Petersson, Vice President of ISAF, put on record his congratulations for the successful conduct of the 11th Asian Sailing Championships at Mumbai. He also informed the Council that the ISAF is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2007. It will be a high profile event. He emphasized the need for more publicity of this sport amongst the youngsters and agreed to provide many more opportunities for training of coaches, judges, Race Officers and other officials.

5. Ms Teresa Lara, Chairperson of ISAF Regional Games Committee, requested that all efforts be made to improve the Regional Games on the technical side.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

6. The minutes of the 18th ASAFAF General Meeting were noted and approved.

Secretary General's Report

7. The Secretary General ASAFAF briefed the members of the activities of the ASAFAF Secretariat and the efforts made to enlarge the membership of ASAFAF.

Accounts of ASAFAF for 2003

8. The Secretary General briefed the members on the status of accounts. He stated that the year wise data since 1990 on the payment of annual subscriptions had earlier been e-mailed to all members and a copy of the accounts was placed in the folders of the members for their perusal. As no discrepancies had been raised by the members in regard to the arrears, he requested the members to kindly clear the dues.

9. The President emphasized the need for timely payment of subscriptions by all ASAFAF members and directed that, at the next ASAFAF Council meeting, decisions could be taken on writing off the bad debts. Also, the ASAFAF Council could consider the action to be taken against members who do not pay their dues in time, as also the members who repeatedly do not attend the ASAFAF Council meetings. Thereafter, the ASAFAF's Statement of Account was approved, proposed by Singapore and seconded by India. A copy of the updated accounts is placed at Annexure I to these minutes.

Changes in ASAFT Constitution

10. It had been felt for some time that the ASAFT Constitution required some amendments. The President ASAFT had requested Mr. Ajay Balram to put forward a proposal for such amendments. A copy of the proposed amendments is placed at Annexure II, whilst the current Constitution of ASAFT is placed at Annexure III, for ready reference.

11. Mr. Ajay Balram requested the Committee to discuss the proposed amendments so that a consensus could be evolved and the amendments incorporated with due process, as per the Constitution. During the discussions the following views were expressed : -

(a) It was suggested that in the proposed amendment of Clause 15(d), the words in para 2 "must be received" be substituted by "should be received". This was accepted by all members.

(b) It was suggested that a written notice of clear six months should be given to all ASAFT members before scheduling a Council Meeting for making amendments to the ASAFT Constitution. This would replace the current provision in Clause 14, wherein only "three months notice" is required. This would provide adequate time for analyzing the proposed amendments, exchange of views between ASAFT members and the generation of a consensus on the proposals, leading to well considered decisions at the next ASAFT Council Meeting. This was generally concurred.

12. After some discussion on the other amendments, it was decided that: -

(a) All ASAFT members would forward their comments on the amendments proposed by Mr. Ajay Balram to the ASAFT Secretariat, along with any additional amendments they desire to propose.

(b) The views of the members would be compiled by the ASAFT Secretariat and a consolidated document would be circulated to all ASAFT members for their consideration. The ASAFT members are to finalize their views and forward their comments to ASAFT Secretariat within 60 days.

(c) The ASAFT Secretariat would circulate a final compilation of proposed amendments to the ASAFT members and the same would be placed on the Agenda of the next ASAFT Council Meeting for ratification.

Continental Affiliate Member of ISAF

13. A resolution that ASAFT should apply to ISAF to become a Continental Affiliate Member of ISAF was proposed by India and seconded by Singapore. Members expressed the view that this affiliation would lead to stronger ties between ISAF, ASAFT and the Asian MNAs. The proposal was passed unanimously and the ASAFT Secretariat asked to forward ASAFT's application for this to the ISAF.

Classes of Boats - 12th Asian Sailing Championships at Doha, Qatar

14. The Qatar Sailing Federation made a presentation on the facilities available for the conduct of the sailing events in Qatar. The members were also informed that Qatar are working hard to further improve the facilities.

15. There was a discussion on the classes of boats to be sailed in the 12th Asian Sailing Championships 2005 and the Asian Games Regatta 2006. Japan recommended that 420s be persevered with. Qatar advised that the Hobie- 16 class would be one of the men's event. Other suggestions from the floor were in respect of the following :-

- (a) 420 (Boys & Girls)
- (b) Laser 4.7
- (c) Optimist (Boys & Girls)
- (d) Laser Radial (Boys & Girls)

16. Ms Teresa Lara (Observer) recommended that there should be at least one or two more female events, other than windsurfing.

17. After some discussion, it was agreed that the members would forward their recommended lists of sailing events to the ASAF Secretariat, which would be compiled and a consolidated spread sheet of recommended events to be sailed in 2005 and 2006 would be forwarded to QSRF by 15th February 2004. QSRF would consider the views expressed by the majority of members and then advise by 15th March 2004 as to which classes would be sailed in 2005 and 2006. Mr Ajay Balram requested all members to ensure that participation in 2005 and 2006 is maximum in each of the selected classes.

18. **Subsidized Accommodation for Participants and Officials.** There were some queries about accommodation for the parents of sailors, specially in respect of the Optimist events. The members requested Qatar to look into the possibility of the participants and the accompanying officials / parents being accommodated in the Asian Games Village, or some other suitable and economical accommodation, as they feared that the cost of stay in Doha would be very high. The Qatar delegation stated that they would look into this matter. Mr. Al Kuwari advised that, to the best of his current knowledge, the Heads of Delegation will be staying in hotels, whilst other officials and competitors will be staying in the Asiad Village.

Hosting of 13th Asian Sailing Championships.

19. The venue for hosting the 13th Asian Sailing Championships in 2007 was discussed. Proposals for hosting this events were received from Pakistan Sailing Association and Indonesian Sailing Federation. The matter was put to vote, in which Indonesia secured 10 votes while 4 votes were in favour of Pakistan. Accordingly, the Indonesian Sailing Federation was awarded the 13th Asian Sailing Championships, to be conducted in 2007.

Proposal for an Exchange Programme in Sailing

20. Pakistan proposed that an Exchange Programme for youth be initiated. This proposal was supported by all members.

ASAF -Website

21. Pakistan suggested that ASAF should have a dedicated website of its own. The same was agreed to by the members. The ASAF Secretary General was asked to examine and implement this suggestion.

22. A Vote of Thanks to the Chair was proposed by Mr Ajay Balram and carried unanimously.

23. These minutes are issued with the approval of the President ASAF.
