

ASIAN SAILING FEDERATION



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE GOLDEN SKY RESORTS IN S KOREA

The Annual General Meeting of the Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF) was held at 1500 hrs on 22 September 2014 at the Golden Sky Resort, Incheon, South Korea under the Chairmanship of Dr Malav Shroff, President ASAF. The following were present:-

Dr Malav Shroff	President
Mr Li Quanhai	ISAF Asian VP
Mr Rashid Al Kindi	Vice President & Representing Oman Sailing
Mr Rodney Tan	Vice President & Treasurer
Mr Jason Lim	Secretary General
Hj Lukman bin Hj Abu Bakar	Hon Treasurer
Mr Kasim Ben Jemia	Bahrain Maritime Sports Association
Mr Zang Yue	Chinese Yachting Association
Mr Guo Zhihao	Chinese Yachting Association
Mr Kuo Ting Hsiang	Chinese Taipei Sailing Association
Mr Huang Kuo Hung	Chinese Taipei Sailing Association
Mr Warwick Downes	Hong Kong Sailing Federation
Mr Rene Appel	Hong Kong Sailing Federation
Mr Oka Sulaksana	Indonesia Sailing Federation
Mr Golamreza Amini Chokami	Iran Canoeing, Rowing & Sailing Federation
Mr Behzad Atabaki	Iran Canoeing, Rowing & Sailing Federation
Mr Takao Nakamura	Japan Sailing Federation
Mr Oleg Kulevatskiy	Kazakhstan Sailing Federation
Mr Pilsung Lee	Korean Sailing Federation
Mr Victor Yun	Korean Sailing Federation
Mr Mohd Tarmizi Ahmad	Malaysian Yachting Association
Mr Mohd Afendy Abdullah	Malaysian Yachting Association
Mr Phone Kyaw Moe Myint	Myanmar Yachting Federation

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Ms Remedios Fidel	Philippines Sailing Federation
Mr Khalifa M Al-Sewaidi	Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation
Mr Chung Pei Ming	Singapore Sailing Federation
Mr Rashed Alqatane	Saudi Arabia Maritime Sports Federation
Mr Abdulla Al-Obaidli	UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation
Commodore Dhiren Vig	Yachting Association of India
Commander K D Singh	Yachting Association of India
Mr Joseph Kenny	Yachting Association of Sri Lanka
Mr Anirut Posakrisna	Yacht Racing Association of Thailand
Mr Ajay Narang	Chairman, Events Committee
Capt A R Arshad	Chairman, Youth & Development Committee and Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation
Commodore Cowen Chiu	Member, Events Committee

Apologies:-

Mr Nguyen Hai Duong	Vietnam Canoeing, Rowing & Sailing Federation
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At the outset, Mr. Jason Lim, Secretary General reported that 26 delegates representing 20 of the 28 ASAF affiliated MNAs were present and this attendance met the requisite 50% quorum.

1. President's Opening Address.

1.1 At the outset, Dr Malav Shroff thanked everyone for taking time out for attending the AGM as many delegates had flown from far to attend the meeting. He stated that this was one of the largest attendances in any AGM thus far and once again thanked all delegates for their active involvement in the ASAF. He thereafter, thanked, Mr Lukman, the Hon. Treasurer of ASAF for the support in making this AGM successful and the very professional manner in which the ASAF Annual Report had been prepared under his guidance. The Chairman thanked Mr Jason Lim, Secretary General for all the work leading to the AGM to make this a success. He thereafter announced the appointment of the new Chairmen of both ASAF Committees and thanked them for their hard work to make tremendous progress for Asia. He thereafter proposed that Capt Ajay Narang and Capt Arshad

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be accepted as the Chairmen of Events Committee and the Youth and Development Committee respectively. The General Body unanimously accepted the proposal.

1.2 The Chairman stated that tremendous progress in Asia as far as sailing was concerned was evident in the results of various regattas in Asia including Youth Olympics in Nanjing where Asia secured 3 out of 4 gold medals at stake. He then brought out that the ASAF Cup and ASAF Youth Cup were ready to be launched, which would help Asian sailors compete against each other on a local circuit. He thereafter recommended the formation of the first ever Athletes Commission for ASAF during the Asian Games 2014.

1.3 The President thereafter requested the Secretary General to progress the Agenda points.

2. Passing of Minutes of the AGM held in Muscat, Oman in September 2013.

2.1 The Secretary General brought out that the minutes were circulated by email prior to the AGM. As there was no issue or comments, the minutes was proposed to be passed by Qatar and seconded by Malaysia.

3. Asian Games 2018 Classes

3.1 The Chairman stated that Olympic Council of Asia had formally written to the ASAF to include all 10 Olympic Classes in the Asian Games sailing competition in future, however, if that were not possible due to any reason, they had directed that a minimum 8 Olympic Classes would need to be included. As there were total 14 events to be competed at the Asian Games and the rest of the Classes would be discussed with OCA and ASAF before finalizing them. The contents of the letter from OCA were debated on the Olympic Classes at length and the General Body unanimously decided that the following eight Olympic Classes will be competed at the Asian Games 2018 to be held in Indonesia:

- (a) Laser Standard Men and Laser Radial Women
- (b) RS:X Men and RS:X Women

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(c) 470 Men and 470 Women

(d) 49er Men and 49er FX Women

3.2 Thereafter, a lengthy discussion was held on the inclusion of Optimist Class in Asian Games and the General Body unanimously voted as the junior class to be continued in the Asian Games 2018. Later in the debate Hong Kong rescinded on its vote, noting that Optimist kids were too young to be included in the Asian Games 2018. No other MNA supported this view. UAE proposed to include the Laser 4.7 class in Asian Games for Boys and Girls. This was accepted unanimously by all present. The Chairman offered to leave the final say for the last two Events as per the tradition to the next host country Indonesia. The AGM debated and proposed to Indonesia the following classes to choose from to finalize the 14 events for Asian Games 2014

- (a) RS One Boys and Girls (proposed by Hong Kong and unanimously approved if Indonesia chooses to include Windsurfing as last two events keeping in mind the pathway for youth windsurfing in Asia)
- (b) 420 Boys and Girls proposed by Malaysia
- (c) Hobie 16 proposed by Korea and India
- (d) Match Racing proposed by Bahrain
- (e) 29er proposed by India
- (f) Bic Techno 293 proposed by Hong Kong

3.3 The Chairman stated that the AGM recommendations would be forwarded to Indonesia and the final decision on classes to be competed at the Asian Games would be made by Olympic Council of Asia

3.4 Capt Arshad from Qatar requested to make this decision process shorter than one year as many countries would have to prepare for Asian Games and early decision would allow better preparation. Hong Kong and India also supported this view and Chairman agreed that ASAF would try and obtain the final decision for the classes for Asian Games 2018 as soon as possible so that all Asian MNAs get more time to prepare for next Asian Games.

3.5 Malaysia stated that in 2014 the classes were confirmed only one year before the Asian Games and this should not be repeated in future. Hong Kong

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stated that the application process to get funding for the Asian games takes more than a year and hence approving classes in this AGM will give three years to prepare for next Asian games. The Chairman assured all present that the Classes decided in this AGM of 2014 would be final and no changes will happen till 2018 once OCA approval was accorded.

3.6 The General Body unanimously agreed that no change in Classes would be allowed after this approval so that every MNA could start preparation for next Asian Games as only four years time was now available to prepare its sailors.

3.7 ISAF Vice President Mr Li Quanhai applauded the unanimous decision of the General Body to include 8 Olympic Classes in Asian Games and stated that this was a historic step in ASAF history to take Asian Sailing forward and align it with ISAF Classes.

4. Treasurer Report

4.1 The Hon Treasurer presented the accounts to the AGM

4.2 It was noted the professional structure of the accounts was a great improvement from the past and AGM unanimously thanked the Hon Treasurer was the presentation

4.3 It was noted that there was substantial increase in the revenues of ASAF due to the sponsorships secured in the year by Chairman

4.4 Hon Treasurer also announced the ASAF Executive Committee decision to spend approximately USD 500 per month on appointing a part time Secretary to ASAF to increase the administrative efficiency of ASAF

4.5 Hon Treasurer addressed the house to eventually aim to increase revenues of ASAF to USD 100,000 per year in order to run ASAF professionally

4.6 The accounts and the above suggestions were accepted unanimously by the AGM

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4.7 Jason Lim, Secretary General remind the countries who had not paid their annual membership dues to do so during the meeting. Chairman asked the house to excuse Palestine from paying their dues in 2014 due to the situation in the country. The AGM unanimously agreed to this proposal.

5. Amendments to ASAF Constitution

5.1 Chairman introduced the new Constitution and thanked the tremendous efforts put by Capt Ajay Narang and Capt Arshad to draft the new constitution as discussed by the Constitution Committee of ASAF in the AGM held in Oman in 2013. This new Constitution marked a big step in the professionalization of ASAF

5.2 The new constitution was unanimously accepted by the AGM after having been circulated three months prior to the all member MNAs

6. ASAF Athletes Commission

6.1 The Chairman announced the formation of the first Athletes commission of ASAF according to the Terms of Reference circulated to the AGM. It was unanimously agreed that the first Chairperson for the Athletes Commission would be Xu Lijia from China who won the Gold Medal in 2012 Olympics in Laser Radial Class and was on ISAF Athletes Commission from Asia. The Chairman stated that the final members of the Athletes Commission would be announced on 1st October 2014 on the last day of the Asian Games after all Athletes in the current Asian Games would vote for their representatives

7. Reports by Chairmen of ASAF Committees

7.1 Captain Ajay Narang, Chairman Events Committee, presented his report to the General Body:-

(a) He brought out that with the aim to collate and publish sailing events held in Asia a new website had been launched recently named

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www.asafevents.org. He highlighted that each MNA could now ad their events directly on this new website and requested each MNA to nominate a responsible person for this task He also brought out that it would be the endeavour of all MNAs to publish their calendar upto two years in advance so as to avoid conflict in dates of events, especially those which were open to participation by other nations

(b) He updated the General Body on the ASAF Sailing Cup and the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup the two separate events for seniors and youth approved by the General Body at the last AGM at Muscat, Oman He requested each of the MNA's to participate at these events to ensure its success

(c) He informed the General Body that a large number of future ISAF events and World Championships were being bid for by ASAF MNA's to be held in their country. He brought out that with a view to avoid multiple bids from Asian region, it would be desirable if MNA's desirous of bidding for such events approached the ASAF in the first instance and seek its concurrence, this would result in de conflicting multiple bids from Asian region for the same event and the ASAF could then request each of the 28 ASAF MNA's to support the bidder, thereby ensuring that the maximum votes were polled in favor of Asian MNA. He also requested each MNA to depute its representatives for such meetings

7.2 The report was accepted unanimously by the General Body.

7.3 Thereafter, Capt AR Arshad, Chairman of the Youth & Development Committee, presented his report to the General Body:-

(a) He brought out that an exercise has been completed to evaluate state of Asian ITOs, comparing them with the rest of the World and it was established that Asia lacked in most of the Areas and there was an immediate need to train more ITO's as the most important agenda.

(b) He highlighted the need sponsorship to support talented & prospective ITO's so that they could be deputed to attend Seminars & www.asiansailing.org

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Clinics. He further added that financial support will maybe considered on the recommendation of respective MNA who would also be a partner in support for their NTO development. He proposed that Asian Technical Officials is first stage of qualification which should be introduced, in Asia. These ATOs later can be prepared & trained for becoming ITOs. He recommended that ISAF Seminars / Clinics should be encouraged in Asian Countries and capable & well prepared individuals should be encouraged a chance to attend such clinics & Seminars.

(c) He brought out that there was a need to establish recognized training centre's in and stated that such training centre's would be recognized either by ASAF or ISAF. He brought out that this can be developed in 3 stages:

1. National Recognition
2. ASAF Recognition
3. ISAF Recognition

(d) He added that time had come when ASAF needed to take bold decisions. He recommended that ASAF limit the classes sailed in Asian Games and Asian Sailing Championships to keep the Olympic movement in mind. He added that we need to choose few but consistent classes which were not expensive, technically advanced to handle and where competent coaches were easily available.

7.4 The report was accepted unanimously by the General Body.

8. Address by ISAF Vice President Mr Li Quanhai

8.1 ISAF VP updated the AGM on various initiatives by ISAF. He asked ASAF to submit proposals for Development to ISAF for which ISAF support would be available. He also noted the tremendous progress made by ASAF in the last two year and the unity amongst Asian countries. He again congratulated the house on the forward thinking decision made about the 2018 Asian Games classes to align them to ISAF and Olympic Classes

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9. Any other Matters

9.1 Presentation was made the ISAF World CUP Qingdao for the upcoming World cup from October 8-15th 2014

9.2 Presentation was made by Sri Lanka Yachting Association for the Youth Asian Games 2017. AGM unanimously agreed to support Sri Lanka to include sailing in this event

9.3 Thailand and Qatar also made brief presentations on hosting IODA World Championships in 2016.

9.4 Qatar inquired from ASAF on inclusion of Kite Surfing in Asian Events in the future. Chairman assured AGM that Kite Surfing was a fast growing sport in Asia and as soon as ISAF decided the status of Kite Suring in ISAF events in November Annual Meeting in 2014, ASAF in the next AGM would discuss the inclusion of Kite Surfing in Asian Events.

9.5 Bahrain recommended the promotion of keelboat sailing. ISAF VP informed ASAF AGM about ISAF plans to have World Championships in Keelboat. Chairman asked Bahrain to be Chairman of a working group to start a keelboat circuit in Asia. Korea and Malaysia supported the idea and Chairman asked them to be on the working group which was accepted. The Keelboat Working Group will present to the Events Committee the details of the keelboat circuit and will present to AGM to finalise in 2015

10. President's Closing Address.

10.1 The Chairman in his concluding address proposed a vote of thanks to all members of ASAF, the Executive committee and the Korean Sailing Federation.

10.2 The Chairman thanked the Korean Sailing Federation and in particular Mr Victor Yun and his team from KSAF for the tremendous efforts to make the Asian Games and Asian Sailing Championships 2014 a great success.

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10.3 He stated that the next AGM would be held in China in November 2015 and at Abu Dhabi in November 2016 coinciding with the ISAF Annual Meetings. The dates for these will be promulgated as per procedure laid down in the ASAF Constitution. He thereafter, requested all present to assemble in the adjoining hall for a group photograph.

11. As there were no other businesses tabled for discussion, the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1815 Hrs.

Minutes Recorded by: Mr Jason Lim, Secretary General

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters "ML" followed by a period.

Vetted by : Dr Malav Shroff, President _

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M Shroff" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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