

MINUTES OF 20th ASAF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
24 MARCH 2006 AT DOHA – QATAR

1. The 20th ASAF General Meeting was held at 1830 hours on 24 March 2006 in the Marriott Hotel, Doha – Qatar. Mr. Abdulla Y. Al-Sulaiti chaired the meeting.

2. Following attended:

Mr. Abdulla Y. Al-Sulaiti	Qatar	President, ASAF
Mr. Khalifa Al-Sewaidi	Qatar	Vice President, ASAF
Mr. Ajay Balram	India	Vice President, ASAF
Mr. Rokhmin Dahuri	India	Vice President, ASAF
Mr. Rashid M. Al-Sulaiti	Qatar	Secretary General, ASAF

Country Representatives:

Mr. Li Quanhai	China	Secretary General
Mr. Karl Kwok	Hong Kong	President
Mr. Iwan T Ngantung	Indonesia	Representative
Mr. Rabinder Gokaldas Ahuja	India	Representative
Mr. Shoichi Maeda	Japan	Deputy Managing Director
Mr. Oleg Kulivatski	Kazakhstan	Secretary General
Mr. Sungchul Jeong	Korea	Representative
Mr. Khalid Alfodary	Kuwait	Representative
Mr. Yeow Eng Leong Lawrence	Malaysia	Hony Secretary
Mr. Michael Moe Myint	Myanmar	President
Mr. Captain (R) S V Hasan	Pakistan	Secretary General
Mr. Talib Al Murri	Qatar	Representative
Mr. Teo Ping Low	Singapore	President
Mr. Welivitigoda C. Ananda	Sri Lanka	Representative
Mr. Rut Subniran	Thailand	Representative
Mr. Chien Ming Chan	Chinese Taipei	Representative

New Members:

Mr. Ala Seyadi	Bahrain	Representative
Mr. Salim Abdulla Al Alawi	Oman	Representative
Mr. Khader Edwan	Palestine	Representative
-	Jordon	-
-	Iraq	-
-	Lebanon	-

In Attendance:

Mr. Mark Pryke	Australia	ISAF Technical Delegate
Captain (R) A R Arshad	Pakistan	Technical Advisor, QSRF

3. The Secretary General ASAF, Mr. Rashid M. Al-Sulaiti called the attendance and confirmed that quorum is complete and 16 out of 18 affiliated MNAs are present.

4. The President warmly welcomed the delegates and guests from all over the Asia and called the meeting to be in order. He informed the meeting that we have received six applications for affiliation to ASAF and hoped that the house will approve their

affiliation. He also thanked the Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation for their financial and physical support in organizing the 12th Asian Sailing Championship successfully.

5. Mr. Ajay Balram, Vice President ASAF also welcomed the delegates and informed that one of the members of the first ASAF meeting held in 1981 is also present in this meeting i.e Mr. Rabi Ahuja whom he warmly welcomed. He also informed the meeting that the ASAF constitution is old and need to be revised. Members proposed to form a working committee/group under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ajay Balram to look into the issue of constitution revision. Following countries volunteered to be part of Committee/group.

- a. Qatar
- b. Singapore
- c. Pakistan
- d. China
- e. Indonesia
- f. Myanmar
- g. Malaysia.

- The working group was asked to prepare their report in 120 days (4 months).

Agenda Points:

6. Approval of Previous Minutes: The president asked the meeting if there is any comment to be proposed by any one. Being no objection from any one, Pakistan proposed and China seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

7. Affiliation of New Members: The President informed that ASAF has received six more applications from Arabian Peninsula for the affiliation with Asian Sailing Federation. The point was discussed in length by the members to accept their affiliation in ASAF fold or not. Some of the members were of the view that only the countries with good standing should be affiliated with ASAF who meet the requirement of constitution. Some proposed that countries affiliated with ISAF should only allowed. Whereas the remaining be given conditional affiliation. India proposed that constitution does not restrict any country to get affiliated and if applicants are affiliated to OCA then we should allow full affiliation. Having a long discussion over the point, finally, the house agreed to approve full membership to all the six countries, i.e Bahrain, Oman, Palestine Jordon, Iraq and Lebanon. Out of the six, three are ISAF members, Lebanon,

Oman and Bahrain. The remaining 3 were advised to seek ISAF affiliation at the earliest in their own interest. The point was unanimously agreed and approved by the meeting. The President, then called the following three members present in the meeting to the table who joined the rest of the meeting:

- a. Bahrain.
- b. Oman.
- c. Palestine.

8. Secretary General Report: The Secretary General briefed the forum about the progress made during the year. He informed the meeting that the Match Racing has been included in the Asian Sailing Championship and Asian Games for the first time. The detailed report is enclosed as Annex 'A' to these minutes.

9. Presentation of Accounts: The statement of the accounts were read and approved by the body unanimously. The statement of account is enclosed as Annex 'B' to these minutes.

10. Selection of Classes: India proposed that the classes of boats to be sailing in the Asian Sailing Championship should be decided at least two years in advance or at the same time when the Asian Sailing Championship is awarded to a country. Preferably they should be the same class of boats that are going to be sailed in the forthcoming Asian Games.

11. Mr. Ajay Balram, Vice President ASAF commented that this issue came under discussion during ASAF Meeting at Mumbai. However, the constitution does not show that amendment. Pakistan proposed that whatever equipment is selected should be kept atleast for four years so that enough time is available to prepare their sailors and equipment. Singapore appreciated the suggestion from India and Pakistan and expressed that they want to promote Asians to be Olympians. He recommended the point to be included in the constitution. After a long deliberation over the issue, President proposed that the same working committee/group to look after this issue and present its report in next meeting in December 2006.

12. Hotel Expenses: India informed the meeting about high charges of accommodation as it makes it difficult to send a large contingent for participation in all

classes. They requested that all future events must be organized keeping the cost low and affordable.

13. Broad Basing of the Sport: Both India and Pakistan put up before the house a discussion on broad basing of the Sailing and asked to encourage greater participation in the Asian Sailing Championship. Pakistan informed that India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have organized South Asian Yachting Regatta and suggested to increase the numbers by requesting some other countries in their neighbourhood including Gulf states. President agreed to the suggestion and desired the countries to take part in this regatta.

14. Development of Sailing Facility in the Region: Bahrain requested all the Gulf states to develop more sailing facilities like UAE in this region. President appreciated this suggestion and expressed that each country should come forward to put more efforts for sailing in this region.

15. Inclusion of Enterprise in Asian Games: Pakistan proposed to include the Enterprise Class in the forthcoming Asian Games being a double handed boat like 470 and 420. He emphasized that Enterprise is a very traditional class of boat and sailed in most parts of the world. He expressed his concern as to how this class was excluded from Asian Games. Supporting the point, India indicated that since 1978, the Enterprise has been used in all the Asian Games for the last 22 years and would second Pakistan to include the Enterprise in this Asian Games. After a long discussion, President told that ASAF will write to DAGOC for their consideration.

16. Age Limit of 420 Class: Myanmar proposed to keep the age limit of 420 class along ISAF Youth format for all regattas in Asia. Some of the countries opposed the proposal. However, Singapore in support of the point, proposed for voting for the floor that 420 will be youth class. A total of 9 members supported the proposal whereas 4 voted in opposition. The 420 class to be a youth class with age limit and was approved by the majority of house. ASAF will approach DAGOC for consideration.

17. Permanent Secretariat for ASAF: Singapore gave a long presentation offered to establish a permanent Secretariat for ASAF at Singapore highlighting various aspects of the Secretariat. India proposed Singapore to establish a website without having the permanent secretariat. After a long discussion in the House, the point was withdrawn by Singapore.

18. Proposal for ASAF Logo: Qatar proposed to select a logo for the Asian Sailing Federation to use on letters and in official correspondence. Some of the logos were displayed on the screen. President expressed his concern that this is a critical issue to choose a logo for ASAF and proposed this issue for the working group to decide the shape of the logo. House agreed with this suggestion.

19. The President informed the meeting that some of the previous minutes have been collected from countries and requested all countries to check with their records for any other old minutes and to send to ASAF Sectt in Qatar for preservation and distribution to all the MNAs.

20. 13th Asian Sailing Championships: Indonesia declared that it will host the 13th Asian Sailing Championship which was appreciated by all the members. They presented salient features of the 13h Asian Sailing Championship. All members wished them good luck. The details are enclosed as Annex 'A' C to these minutes.

21. With no other point, the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair. The delegates were invited for the dinner at Inter Continental.