

	MEETING	International Moth Class Association – Annual General Meeting
	DATE	17 October 2013
	TIME	1000 - 1130 hours
	VENUE	Kaneohe Yacht Club, Hawaii, USA
	AGENDA ITEM	MINUTE
1	WELCOME AND APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL DELEGATES	
	<u>Attendance</u> Scott Babbage AUS Ben Newling AUS Marco Lanulfi ITA Emma Spiers AUS Stefano Rizzi ITA Simon Payne GBR Steven Thomas AUS Simon Hiscocks GBR Warren Sare AUS Nathan Outteridge Hiroki Goto JPN AUS Kalle Coster NED John Harris AUS Nicolas Rousselon David Lister AUS FRA Josh McKnight AUS Phil Stevenson AUS Reece Tailby AUS Magnus Gravare Andrew Chapman AUS SWE Adam May GBR Katherine Knight Andrew McDougall GBR AUS Matt Knowles USA Bora Gulari USA Anthony Kotoun ISV George Peet USA Les Thorpe AUS Arnaud Psarophagis Fabien Frosch SUI SUI Philip Kaseman SUI Phillippe Schiller SUI Rayshela Martin AUS Mark Robinson AUS Pablo Arandia ESP	Meeting opened at 1016hrs National Delegate appointments for the AGM: USA – Matt Knowles GER – Nil GBR – Simon Hiscocks AUS – Warren Sare ITA – Stefano Rizzi NED – Kalle Coster FRA – Nicolas Rousselon SWE – Magnus Gravare JPN – Hiroki Goto SUI – Philip Kaseman AUT – Nil ESP – Pablo Arandia NZL - Nil

2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
	To approve the minutes of the AGM held in 2012.	The minutes from the 2012 AGM were accepted. Proposed: Ben Newling. Seconded: Anthony Kotoun.
3	PRESIDENT'S REPORT	
	To receive a report from IMCA President Scott Babbage	<p>2012/2013 has been another good year for the Moth Class.</p> <p>The President thanked Tom Porchereva from Kaneohe Yacht Club and Matt Knowles from the US Moth Class Association for their incredible efforts behind the scenes to get the 2013 Moth Worlds off the ground.</p> <p>Membership is relatively flat, with 365 members for 2012/2013. Difficult to convert Moth owners into affiliated members in many cases. 122 ISAF plaques were sold, with multiple boat manufacturers and sail makers represented at the top level. Several National fleets have seen growth, with big numbers at National events in the UK and Australia, and a growing European fleet with the Euro Cup series.</p> <p>On the back of a successful 2012 Worlds in Garda, the class nominated for a late decision to put the 2013 Europeans in Sicily. Despite the best efforts of Italian representative Luca Rizzotti, due to timing, remoteness and various other reasons, a smaller than expected fleet of 32 attended. Congratulations to Chris Rashley for extending his European winning streak.</p> <p>The events calendar for the future is looking healthy, with the Euro Cup series complimenting the 2014 Hayling Island Worlds. Australia looks set to host a brilliant event at the Sorrento Couta Boat Sailing Club in 2015 and 2016 is also looking promising.</p>
4	TREASURER/SECRETARY'S REPORT	

	To receive a report from IMCA Treasurer/ Secretary Martin Gravare	<p>The current association bank balance is at €18133.28. The treasurer's report noted that most of the income for the International Moth Class Association came from the sale of plaques. Several nations are yet to pay their association fees, including some from 2012. Those nations that remain unpaid include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USA - GER - ITA - JPN - SUI - NZL - UAE
5	MEASURER'S REPORT	
	To receive a report from Class Measurer Mark Robinson	Several changes were made to the International Moth Class Rules in order to measure solid wings. The measurement manual has now been updated to reflect the class rule. The changes were submitted to ISAF and were only approved in March.
6	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPORTS	
6.1	AUSTRALIA	
	Warren Sare	Australia has fleets racing in all states and had 69 participants at the Australian Championship in Wangi in January 2013. Keppel Bay Sailing Club in Queensland will host the 2014 Australian Championships in January.
6.2	AUSTRIA	
	Doug Culnane	<p>Austria had a great year in 2013, with its first National and Euro Cup Moth event, which attracted 18 boats to Attersee. Hopefully this will be a regular event and part of the EuroCup, which has helped motivate Austrian Moths to travel to Germany and Italy for Moth events.</p> <p>There are 5 Members in 2013, and a growing fleet of boats and sailors.</p>

6.3	FRANCE	
	Claire Gavigniaux	<p>For 2013 France has 20 members. Only change in committee, Claire is now in charge of the French association, succeeding Nicholas Bessec. The French Nationals are planned for the 3-5 May, and there might be a two days training beforehand. France proposed this event to be included in the EuropaCup.</p> <p>The class is growing slow but steady and sailors are trying to gather once a month on a regular basis. The moths are also attending other kinds of sailing events to make some noise (like multi50 regattas, big offshore events...)</p> <p>France would like to host the 2015 Europeans but they don't have a concrete plan yet .</p>
6.4	GERMANY	

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		Carlo Mage	<p>The German Association has 15 new members since the 2012 AGM. The positive development in recent years means they now have 88 members. The exhibition of a boat at the last Hanseboot in Hamburg contributed to further public relations. Thanks in particular to Manfred Schreiber, who exhibited his Moth. The opportunity to try a Moth (bought by the German Association) has led to a further spread of the class. Calls to the DMV for test-driving a moth are at an average of 3-4 inquiries per month.</p> <p>After the successful launch of the Eurocup this year, it will be extended for another year. There is the opportunity to secure Red Bull as a sponsor for the whole Eurocup series. The Eurocup 2014 will be expanded and will include regattas in France and the Netherlands. At Eurocup Germany there were 38 participants, which is the largest number of participants in the last 10 years in a German Moth Regatta. The regatta activities continue to grow. In 2013, a total of six races will be conducted with at least 10 participants. In addition, local training sessions were conducted in each venue. There are about 40 members in the class that are interested in regatta sailing.</p> <p>After the successful Nationals in 2012 and 2013, each with over 20 participants (also from neighbouring countries), the aim should be to get at least 15 participants at each scheduled regatta.</p> <p>It would be helpful to have a cheaper foiling Moth for beginners or more builders to grow the used boat market. Good foilers at around € 4000 - 6000 are very rare in Europe.</p> <p>Special thanks to Gerold Pauler here for the extensive care of the website and Anja Rupp (Mottenfieber Sailing TV) for collating many photos and videos about the Moth class.</p>
6.5		GREAT BRITAIN	

		Simon Hiscocks	GBR had 74 participants at their 2013 National Championships. The class continues to grow in GBR particularly in preparation for the 2014 World Championships at Hayling Island.
6.6	ITALY		

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	Stefano Rizzi	<p>Number of boats 35. The increase is approx 70% from the previous 20 in 2011 and is mainly due to having a "class boat" used for trials. Also the geographical spread is growing. We now have fleets on Lake Garda, Lake Como, Lake Iseo plus boats in Genova, Rome and in Tuscany.</p> <p>Race participation: We had a general increase by approx 50% from 2012 due to the new boats being sold and older boats getting back in the game thanks to the attention generated by Worlds and European championship.</p> <p>Races organized in 2013: Moth European championship in Marsala (Sicily) / Moth Italian Championship - Eurocup Act 6 in Campione, Garda.</p> <p>Races for 2014: For the first time we will have an Italian series with three races organized on the three lakes in Northern Italy: Lovere on Lake Iseo in May, Dongo on Lake Como in June, Torbole (Italian Championship and Eurocup event) on Lake Garda from 4th to 6th of July. The Eurocup racing system devised by German and Italian class associations together with other European classes has proven to be a successful series, with high participation and increased travelling, helping to build local fleets' skills and numbers.</p> <p>Worlds 2016 : IMCA Italy will submit an official bid for 2016 worlds during the 2014 Worlds in Hayling. Location is Fraglia Vela Malcesine on Lake Garda with dates at the end of June / early July (avoiding the Olympics).</p> <p>Members of IMCA Italy committee as recently elected. Luca Rizzotti (President) Michele Monzini (Secretary and board member) Roberto Valpolini (Treasurer and board member) Stefano Rizzi, Marco Lanulfi, and Matteo Gritti (Board members).</p> <p>(ED: Italy withdrew their bid to host IMCA Worlds in 2016).</p>
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6.7	JAPAN	
	Hiroki Goto	<p>ce 2012, the president and bureau of JMCA has changed from Naomi The President of the JMCA is Hiroki Goto, who has taken over from Naomi Tachibana. The membership number is gradually increasing, we have 35 members at present. JMCA organizes 4 events a year including the Spring Regatta, Summer Regatta (clinic), National Championship, and Winter Regatta.</p> <p>There are always 10-15 participants. The class did not grow in numbers, but the average age went down significantly. Similar to other countries, the moth class is being watched with strong interest from fellow sailors. We are dreaming to grow the member ship to 50+, and host another world championship again someday.</p>
6.8	NETHERLANDS	
	Kalle Coster	The fleet in the Netherlands is very small and there are few regattas in which to participate.
6.9	SINGAPORE	
	N/A	No representatives in attendance.
6.10	SPAIN	

		Pablo Arandia	<p>There is only one boat racing in Spain. A few more second hand boats were sold since Garda, but there are still insufficient numbers to hold a serious race, and the sailors don't have the skill level required to do so. As Alan Hillman is back living at the UK, no Mothfest this year, which means no events at all.</p> <p>The boat raises a lot of interest, and Pablo puts a lot of hours in to explaining to the locals. It is foreseeable that some day, younger sailors will take the chance and get into the class easily. Boat it's too unusual from the conventional path a sailing club follows here, but it was the same 20 years ago, with the classes that are now in. So we are a slow adoption country always, it will take some time to build a fleet.</p>
6.11	SWITZERLAND		
		Philip Kaseman	Currently 45 boats registered with 15 boats actively participating. The nationals had 25 boats, with half of the contingent international competitors. The Swiss nationals were in Silvaplana.
6.12	SWEDEN		
			Sweden had 4 boats participating at the 2013 Worlds and they plan to host their first regatta next year.
6.13	UNITED STATES		

			<p>The US Moth Class Association has been focussed on organising the 2013 World Championships. A series was hosted in Charleston this year, but it has been a quiet summer. The US Association has 30 members.</p> <p>Goals for the US moth class are to continue to convert people into moths, targeting the older age bracket and also assist younger sailors who aspire to sailing a moth and help them overcome the financial hurdle that comes with moth sailing. The class noted that the support offered by 11 the 2013 World Championship.</p>
7	2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE		
	Hayling Island, UK		
			<p>Representatives from GBR updated attendees regarding the progress being made for the 2014 Worlds. Hayling Island has previously hosted a moth world championship (once). The club has great facilities and two racing venues available.</p> <p>Allegedly Hayling Island is the cultural centre of Britain and not too dissimilar to Hawaii.</p> <p>For further information refer to the Hayling Island Sailing Club Website http://www.hisc.co.uk/sailing-racing/open-events/moth-worlds-2014.aspx</p>
8	2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE		
	Sorrento, AUS		

			<p>For the selection of the host club for 2015 World Championship clubs were invited to apply to the Australian Moth Class Association. Woollahra, Nedlands and Sorrento applied to host the event with the class association recommending Sorrento. Sorrento Sailing and Couta Boat Club previously hosted the 2008 29er 49er World Championship. The 2015 event will be hosted from the 6-16 January.</p> <p>http://www.mothworlds.org/sorrento/</p>
9	FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS		
9.1	2016 World Championship		

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Several countries initially expressed interest in hosting the 2016 Moth World Championship. Those countries included Ireland, Japan, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland.

Japan

Japan last hosted a moth worlds in 2001 and currently has 35 active members. The event would be hosted in Hayama, only 30 minutes from the airport and an historic sailing town. Most of the Japanese moth fleet sail in Hayama and the club hosted the 2013 Asian Optimist Championship. The preferred timing to host the event would be the end of May 2016.

Italy

No one attended the meeting to speak to the bid.

Ireland

Former IMCA nation also interested in hosting the 2015 Europeans. The Irish Sailing Association supports the bid. Dun Loaghaire is the proposed venue and the club recently hosted the 2012 Laser Europeans and Worlds.

Switzerland

Silvaplana hosted the 2010 European Championships and hosts an annual kitesurfing and windsurfing cup. The event organiser would be St Moritz Yacht Club and the proposed date would be August. There would be a 120 boat cap on entries.

A vote was held with 13 voting for Switzerland, 1 for Ireland and numerous votes exceeding 13 for Japan. IMCA will provide bid documents within 30 days to Japan and Switzerland with National presidents to vote on a venue.

9.2	2017 World Championship	
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		<p><u>USA</u> Newport, Rhode Island would be the venue with the New York Yacht Club being the OA. Close sail to race area and boats would be launched from the community sailing venue, Sail Newport. Proposed dates would be April /May or October 2017. The US Moth Nationals will be hosted there in the upcoming summer.</p> <p><u>Sweden</u> 2017 Worlds in Malmo. 20 minutes train ride from Copenhagen and an experienced race committee.</p> <p><u>Italy</u> Bid documents will be supplied within 30 days to prospective hosts for the 2017 World Championships, with National Presidents to vote on a venue. A decision will be made at the 2014 World Championship.</p>
9.3	2015 European Championship	
		<p>No European championship will be held in 2014 as the Worlds are being hosted by GBR.</p> <p>Sweden, Netherlands and Ireland expressed interest in hosting the 2015 European Championship. Bid documents will be provided to each of these nations.</p>
10	OTHER BUSINESS	
10.1	Cost	

			<p>The issue of the cost of moths was raised and the question was asked whether there was any movement to limit the amount of equipment people could use at events. The attendees discussed that it is a fine balance between developing the class and the class being cost prohibitive.</p> <p>It was proposed that, at championship level, foil changes on the water would not be permitted. 30 voted in the affirmative, 0 voted in the negative.</p> <p>A proposal was made to restrict the number of foils permitted at events. 7 voted in support, 10 voted against.</p>
11	APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS		
			<p>Matt Knowles nominated Scott Babbage for President, this was seconded by Warren Sare.</p> <p>Les Thorpe nominated Rayshela Martin for Secretary, this was seconded by Kalle Coster.</p> <p>All other positions remained the same.</p>
12	NEXT MEETING		
		To confirm the location and date of the next AGM.	<p>The next AGM will be held during the 2014 Moth World Championship 18 – 25 July 2014. 18 Meeting closed at 1124hrs</p>