

	MEETING	International Moth Class Association – Annual General Meeting
	DATE	Wednesday 25 th May 2016
	TIME	1800 hours
	VENUE	Hayama Yacht Harbour, Hayama, Japan
	AGENDA ITEM	MINUTES
1	ATTENDEES	
2	WELCOME AND APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL DELEGATES	
	<u>Attendance</u> Scott Babbage AUS Alan Punch AUS Fang Warren AUS Nick Deussen AUS Dave Smithwhite GBR Christoph Zeiser GER Chris Jeeves GBR/NED Hiroki Goto JPN Les Thorpe AUS Andrew Sim AUS Phil Stevenson AUS Kirstin Norris AUS Emma Spiers AUS Lloyd Edmunds AUS Benoit Marie FRA Franco Greggi ARG Carlo Maege GER Masa Suzuki JPN Umihiko Arakak JPN Andrew McDougall AUS Adriano Petrino SUI Tatsuya Wakinaga JPN Francisco Bellocchio ARG Rob Partridge HKG/AUS Hans Rasmussen DEN	Meeting opened at 1805hrs National Delegate appointments for the AGM: USA – nil GER – Carlo Maege GBR – Dave Smithwhite AUS – Emma Spiers ITA – nil NED – Chris Jeeves FRA – Benoit Marie SWE – nil JPN – Hiroki Goto SUI – Adriano Petrino AUT – nil ESP – nil NZL – nil
3	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
	To approve the minutes of the AGM held in 2015.	The minutes from the 2015 AGM were accepted. Proposed: Emma Spiers. Seconded: Hiroki Goto.
4	PRESIDENT'S REPORT	
	To receive a report from IMCA President Scott Babbage.	2015/16 a quieter year for the class following sequence of 2014 and 2015 worlds. Great to be back in Japan after 15 years and we extend thanks to Hiroki Goto and the Japanese moth class association for the

		<p>significant effort that has gone into this event.</p> <p>We expected that entry numbers would be lower for this worlds and this is OK – we need to find a balance between events that encourage growth and participation, and then larger events.</p> <p>We have 3 countries interested in hosting the 2018 worlds – Argentina, Australia and Bermuda. We also need to find a host for the 2018 European championships.</p> <p>We have 2 new IMCA countries – Ireland and Argentina.</p>
5	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	To receive a report from the IMCA Treasurer – Burkhardt Staabs.	<p>The current financial status of the class is healthy. 6 countries are fully paid, another 7 have not paid their 2015 fees yet (at 30/04/2016). IMCA fees for 2016 have not yet been invoiced.</p> <p>Some countries seem reluctant to pay their IMCA membership fees and / or world levies.</p> <p>It was noted in the meeting that the class has a relatively good buffer and it was raised that we should be using these funds to do something to help promote the class, in particular youth sailors. It was suggested that an amount be determined that would need to be retained by the class as a buffer and any funds in excess of that buffer be re-invested in the class – the amount suggested to be held is EUR25,000. Options for re-investment raised included a subsidy for travel allowance or subsidies for entry costs for youth sailors (age-based and/or still studying).</p> <p>It was agreed that future organisers of the European and World championships submit a proposal to the IMCA Executive for use of a subsidy to encourage sailors to attend the event, with the IMCA Executive to have the authority to approve the proposed use of a subsidy.</p>
6	MEASURER'S REPORT	
	To receive a report from Class Measurer – Mark Robinson.	<p>No report received.</p> <p>Class is currently looking for a new Chief Measurer.</p>
7	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPORTS	
	BENELUX - Netherlands	<p>A good 2015, hosting the Europeans as the highlight. The class is growing, with new mothies from former Olympians, Olympian coaches and enthusiastic club sailors. We note that it is difficult for aspiring mothies to buy reasonably priced second hand moths.</p> <p>Last year we were invited to the Delta Lloyd regatta – 15 moths participated and we shared a race course with other classes. This year we expect to attend in higher numbers.</p>
	FINLAND	<p>2015 season was the most active moth year in Finland, with 9 more or less active boats, all based in the Helsinki region. Finnish moth fleet consists of home-built, Mach 2 and Bladerider moths. No official regattas organised, but focus has been on training together, including some unofficial races. Only one sailor participated in regattas abroad (Europeans).</p> <p>Growing interest around the class continues. Several new sailors have or are planning to join the class. We estimate our fleet to grow to 15 boats. For this season we have planned two regattas (June and September) and a weekly evening series in Helsinki from May until September.</p>

	GERMANY	<p>105 members; 50 are active in attending regattas, with strong growth in the south (Bavaria). Last year moths attended the Oktoberfest regatta – 15 moths.</p> <p>8 local regattas are held each year, attracting 10 to 20 entries. We expect 40 boats for the Nationals and to host one moth eurocup event (with 30 to 40 boats).</p> <p>We continue to run test sailing on a class association Bladerider FX and get a great response, including a special test sailing event for females. The demo boat has generated 8 to 10 new members over the last 2 years.</p>
	ITALY	<p>No changes in numbers from previous years.</p> <p>Events are well attended by other European members – calendar is rich and well spread over the season, Garda racing and Foiling Week are attracting many sailors.</p> <p>The 2017 worlds have been confirmed for 23rd – 29th July.</p>
	JAPAN	<p>Class has 45 to 50 boats but 50% are not active. For the worlds, the association connected boats not being used with youth sailors. The association ran a trial for 10 youth sailors and selected 3 of them for a charter boat, including a female sailor. In return, the boat owners will receive a sail.</p> <p>Hiroki shared insights from preparing for these worlds: (i) this took 3 years of preparation; (ii) the organisers were required to open the entries prior to securing the title sponsor and this raised challenges in determining expenses and the entry fee.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the proximity of the European dates to the Worlds and whether this impacted entry numbers. It was recommended that as a concept, we create a gap of at least 2 to 3 months between the Europeans and Worlds events.</p>
	FRANCE	<p>Class is growing but either new to moths (and not ready to race) or professionals also racing in other classes, making it hard to organise a calendar. It is expected that the class will get more organised and continue to grow.</p> <p>France raised that they would like to share ideas of how to encourage more females to join the class, including increasing awareness that there are a choice of sails available, and it is possible to participate with smaller sails.</p>
	DENMARK	There are 2 active moth sailors.
	ARGENTINA	Class started 18 months ago with 3 sailors. It now has 12 sailors with a regatta each month, plus organisation of test sails. The class is promoting the moth class across other parts of the region. The class is organising an event in Chile in December 2016 and has previously organised an event in Uruguay.
	GREAT BRITAIN	2016 has been a year of change for the UK Class. Maintaining momentum after the 2014 Worlds has been difficult. The UK Nationals will be at the Weymouth Academy in August, and we expect ~70 moths.
	AUSTRALIA	The moth fleet continues to be strong, some 55 boats sailed the Australian moth nationals in January, hosted by South of Perth YC. We have healthy fleets in all states. The 2017 Nationals will be held in Tasmania, Sandy Bay 4 th – 9 th January. There are 3 new life members to IMCA Australia – John Illett – for services to the class and for being the initiator of foiling, Phil Stevenson – for services to the class as Secretary/Treasurer for 7 plus years, and Andrew McDougall for bringing moth sailing to its current

		position via design of production boats, making the class more accessible.
	SWITZERLAND	The Swiss Class continues to grow, with 34 members. Lots of boats are changing hands, new owners, and some new boats being ordered. GC32 and Flying Phantom sailors are entering the class but not yet racing. The class organises around 3 races a year and gets around 20 boats to each event.
8	RATIFICATION OF IMCA IRL AND IMCA ARG AS IMCA COUNTRIES	IMCA IRL and IMCA ARG were ratified as IMCA member countries. Proposed: Phil Stevenson. Seconded: Carlo Maege
9	UPDATE FOR 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAKE GARDA, ITALY	
	Malcesine	<p>Program arrival is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th/18th July early arrival • 19th July registration • 20th/21st Italian Open Championship • Moth Worlds 23rd – 29th (26th layday) or finishing 28th if a five day racing program is preferred <p>No limits on participation numbers – expecting ~200 Logistics are being discussed with GAC PINDAR – Sponsorship deals at early stages.</p> <p>The 2017 organisers send their congratulations to Hiroki Goto and the Japanese moth fleet for their organisation of the 2016 Worlds.</p> <p>A discussion was held about whether the class would prefer a 5 or 6 day race program.</p> <p>The AGM recommended a 7 day program (being 6 days of racing and a layday).</p>
10	2018 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	<p>3 proposals to host the 2018 World Championships have been received – Argentina, Australian, Bermuda (see summary presented below).</p> <p>A vote was held at the AGM, the results being (using weightings per size of national membership):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Argentina 8 votes (Germany/France/Argentina) • Australia 12 votes (Australia/Japan/Switzerland) • Bermuda 7 votes (UK/Austria) <p>A motion was proposed by the IMCA Class President that National Class Presidents canvass their members and another vote by held by email. All proposals can be found on the 2016 Moth Worlds sites. <u>Summary – Argentina</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Argentino - club is situated in the main part of the city, so great for tourism and plenty of accommodation. • The club has the infrastructure to run the event – ran the 29er worlds 2 years ago and will run the F18 worlds in 2017. • Hosting the Worlds will help build the moth class in south America – there are now 12 mothies in Argentina, 3 in Brazil, 1 in each of Chile and Uruguay, and this growth has happened quickly. • The race area is 20 minutes from the club; no obstructions of any kind; no shallow water; northerly wind gives flat water; southerly wind gives similar conditions to Hayama.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry fee expected at EUR 350. • Dates – 2 options: (i) Dec 2017/Jan 2018 (3pm sea breezes); (ii) October 2018 after Buenos Aires Week –so will utilise the same facilities. <p><u>Summary – Australia (Perth)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC) has lots of space; good facilities and a separate dinghy club we can take over; camping on site possible. • The club is well represented at the 2016 worlds – 5 sailors. • The club hosted the Australian Nationals in January 2016 - 55 boats. • Perth is a major city; good transport; lots of accommodation. • This is river sailing so flat water, with space for 2 courses. • Dates – November 2018 (temperature is 25 degrees; which is better than Jan / Dec). <p><u>Summary - Bermuda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, who hosted 65 boats at the Amlin regatta in Dec 2015. • Sailing area was thought to be great; flat water and generally good breeze. • View at the AGM is that space would be restricted and they could accommodate ~80 boats. • There is a group of local moth sailors (~10) whom are not AC sailors, but no local association so I supported by the IMCA USA. • Proposal is free shipping from US & Europe, but from Australia it takes 2 months to sea-freight a boat and it is most likely prohibitively expensive. • Dates – May 2018
11	OUTSTANDING CLASS RULE CHANGES	<p>(1) <u>2015 AGM proposed changes not yet ratified by Class Presidents</u> At the 2015 AGM the following 4 changes were voted on and succeeded. However, when these were put to the Class Presidents, one member country responded in the negative and others did not respond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reinsert sail number sizes b) Boat length c) Removable Rudder / & Installable Gantry d) 30mm aero fairings without a gap – cannot be moveable <p>1a & 1b: At this AGM (2016) it was proposed to ask the Class Presidents to ratify 1.a Reinsert sail numbers; 1.b Boat length.</p> <p>1c & 1d: At this AGM (2016) it was proposed to seek clarification from the Class Measurer on the gantry rule.</p> <p>(2) <u>Tack of Sail (amendment to 8.2)</u> It was recognised that this needs to be resolved to provide clarity to sail-makers for them to be able to build sails against. A motion was proposed to resubmit the amendment to the Class Presidents to be ratified, but that all amendments would be submitted separately for ratification.</p> <p>(3) <u>Rule 42.2.A Wing Bouncing</u> As a class we either accept the proposed amendment from the Class Measurer (no wing bouncing) or ISAF rules (2 wing bounces). It was proposed to put this to the Class Presidents.</p>

		<p>There was general discussion that we need to be better at policing ourselves on this issue and that it needs to be re-enforced at all events, not just the international events.</p> <p>(4) <u>Bowsprits (6.1.3) (requirement to not extend beyond 50cm beyond ends of boat)</u> A motion was proposed to change the wording of 6.1.3 to include the words: <i>If the rudder....and any attachment except the rudder.</i>" Proposed: Phil Stevenson. Seconded: Lloyd Edmunds, and passed.</p> <p>Proposed wording change to be taken to Class Presidents for ratification.</p>
12	OTHER BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A proposal was tabled and supported to establish the use of a limit of equipment for major events to address the challenge that our class is viewed as prohibitively expensive. It was recognised that smaller sized (often female) sailors would be encouraged if they could at least use 2 sails at an event. It was agreed that the class would like to have this in place for the 2017 Worlds in Italy. This is not a class rule, but we would like Sailing Instructions for major events to include an equipment limit. 2. A proposal was tabled and supported to request that Sailing Instructions for major events state that foil changes are made at the host venue or nominated venues, but not on land generally. 3. It was noted that some competitors were surprised to come to an ISAF sanctioned event and not be asked for a boat measurement certificate or have their equipment measured. It was recommended that the Class Measurer provide guidance to future organisers of World Championships. 4. There was discussion around the benefits of a class sponsor, ideally a shipping company. It was suggested we need a generic proposal / set of guidelines that can be given to all potential sponsors, including thinking through how a class sponsor sits alongside an event title sponsor. Benoit Marie has offered to help draft this. 5. There was discussion around the potential benefits of having a class PRO (whom could maintain race documents, brief race committees, etc). It was noted that there is a set of regatta guidelines (circa 2003). Christoph Zeiser and Hans Rasmussen offered to work together to refresh this document.
13	APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS	<p>The association thanks Mark Robinson and Rayshele Martin for their services to the class.</p> <p>President – Scott Babbage Proposed – Andrew McDougall</p> <p>Treasurer – Burkhard Staabs Proposed –Scott Babbage</p> <p>Secretary – unfilled Measurer – unfilled Vice President – Phillippe Kasemann</p>

		Executive: Webmaster – KA Sail has offered support USA – Matt Knowles SUI - Phillippe Kasemann
14	NEXT MEETING	
	To confirm the location and date of the next AGM.	The next AGM will be held during the 2017 Moth World Championships, Malcesine, Italy, July 2017.