

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**  
**HELD AT 1900 HRS ON 15 SEP 06 AT MUMBAI**

1. The YAI's Annual General Body Meeting was held at 1900 hrs on 15 Sep 06 at TS Jawahar, Colaba, Mumbai. The following Council members were present:-

**CHAIRMAN**

Admiral Arun Prakash PVSM, AVSM, VrC, VSM, ADC                      President

**MEMBERS**

Cmde SK Mongia, VSM (Retd) – Executive Vice President  
Lt Gen BS Dhaliwal, AVSM, VSM – Executive Vice President  
R Adm R Chopra VSM - Treasurer  
V Adm SS Byce, PVSM, AVSM, NM - President, National Enterprise Assn  
Maj Gen RS Jamwal – Representative Laser Class Assn  
Maj Gen S Dutta, VSM (Retd) – President, 420 Class Assn.  
Mr. Rabi Ahuja – Chairman, Selection and Training Committee  
Brig AP Singh, SM\*\*VSM, Chairman Race Management Committee  
Cmde R Nathan VSM – Co-opted Member  
Capt S Contractor (Retd) - Co-opted Member  
Lt. Cdr F Tarapore VSM (Retd) – President, Match Racing Assn  
Mr Cyrus Heerjee – President National Seabird Assn  
Mr. Ajay Balram, Chairman Racing Rules and Appeals Committee  
Capt HD Motivala SC – Chief National Coach  
Col S Shekhar – Co-opted Member  
Capt Gangesh Kumar – Representative Offshore Assn  
Mr. Hakim Sabir, – Secretary Board Sailing Assn  
Capt Monty Khanna, NM Hon Secretary General  
Cdr Ajay Narang, Hon Jt Secy General

2. Representatives of the following Class Associations / Clubs were also present:-

- (a) Army Yachting Node, Mumbai.
- (b) Bombay Sailing Association
- (c) Colaba Sailing Club
- (d) Corps of Engineers Sailing Club, Pune
- (e) EME Sailing Club, Secunderabad
- (f) Indian Naval Sailing Association.
- (g) Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre (Mumbai)
- (h) Maharashtra NCC Unit.
- (i) Royal Bombay Yacht Club
- (l) Sea Cadet Corps Sailing Association

In addition, a number of Life Members were also present.

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### **Item I - Address By President**

3. At the outset, the President welcomed all the members to the AGM. He informed the General Body that he was happy to see a high level of competitive sailing coupled with a strong desire to win at the ongoing Selection Trials.
4. The President briefly mentioned the various events that the country had participated in since the last AGM. He commended Farokh Tarapore and Vikas Kapilla for their sterling performance at the Kiel Week in 2005 as well as the Match Racing Team skippered by Cdr R Mahesh for their commendable performance which included a Gold Medal at the Asian Sailing Championships.
5. The President stated that we were in the final countdown for the Asian Games 2006 and considerable effort had gone in towards preparation for the same. He informed the General Body that he had had a meeting with the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports who had assured him of full Government support for the training programme. In this connection, he was pleased to note that the requirement of foreign exposures and foreign coaches had been approved in full. He also informed that the SAI has accorded approval for 100% financial assistance for purchase of yachting equipment costing approximately Rs. 30 lakhs.
6. In respect to broad-basing, the President informed the General Body regarding the recent inauguration of the first YAI Sailing School at Bhopal with full financial support from the Govt of MP. He was pleased to see the tremendous amount of enthusiasm from a large number of children who were associated with the project. The President stressed upon the need to provide continued support and assistance to these Schools, especially in their formative years. The President further brought out that with an aim of replicating the initiative at Bhopal, the YAI was in contact with the Governments of Uttranchal and Chandigarh for creation of such facilities in their respective States.
7. The President informed the General Body about the changes in the YAI Committees and hoped that these Committees would set the course for the future of the sport. He stated that all it needed for the sport to grow was to plough back what each member of the yachting fraternity had received in terms of support from the Govt. He hoped that the YAI committees would draw up and implement plans that would help in promotion of the sport and it's broad-basing.
8. The President, thereafter, requested the HSG to take up the agenda points and progress the meeting.

### **Item No. II - Review of Minutes of meeting held on 02 May 05**

9. There being no pending issues pertaining to the previous AGM, Captain Monty Khanna proposed the passing of the minutes, which was seconded by Mr Ajay Balram.



**Item No. III - Honorary Treasurer's Report and presentation of Accounts for FY 2004-05.**

10. RAdm R Chopra presented the audited statement of accounts for financial year 2004-05 duly approved by the Council.

11. Cmde SK Mongia recommended that the names of the persons / organizations who have given donations to the YAI should be published on the YAI Website.

12. **Decision.**

(a) There being no other observations on the audited statement of accounts for 2004-05, RAdm R Chopra proposed the passing of the same, which was seconded by Captain HD Motivala.

(b) The President directed that the names of the persons / organizations who have given donations to the YAI be published on the YAI Website.

**Action : YAI Secretariat**

**Item No. IV - Honorary Secretary General's Report**

13. The HSG in his report covered the following issues: -

(a) **YAI Committees.** The HSG informed that the following committees had been constituted: -

- (i) Selection and Training Committee (Merger of Selection Committee and training Committee).
- (ii) Fund Raising and Publicity Committee.
- (iii) Sailing Development Committee.
- (iv) Equipment Sub-Committee.

(b) **Secretariat News.** The following issues pertaining to the YAI Secretariat were brought out:-

- (i) Change of YAI E-mail ID to [valindia@gmail.com](mailto:valindia@gmail.com).
- (ii) Promulgation of YAI News letter wef Jul 06.
- (iii) Functioning of the YAI Website.
- (iv) Appointment of an Hony Assistant Secretary General from the Army.
- (v) Shifting of YAI Office from Sena Bhawan to Chanakya Puri in Nov/Dec 06.

(c) **Asian Games 2006.** The HSG informed the members that it has been decided to field teams in Match Racing, Hobie 16, 470 (M), Laser Radial, Laser Std and Optimist (Boys) categories only for the Asian Games 2006.

(d) **Foreign Exposures (Single Class) Since the Last AGM.** The number of foreign exposures availed since the last AGM were as follows: -

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Foreign Exposures (Since Last AGM)</u>
(i)	Match Racing	06
(ii)	Hobie 16	02
(iii)	470 (M)	04
(iv)	Laser Radial	03
(v)	Laser Std	04
(vi)	Optimist (B)	03
(vii)	420 Class	02
(viii)	Star Class	01
(ix)	Enterprise	01
(x)	Mistral	01

(e) **Multi Class Events.** In addition to the above, the teams have also participated in the following multi-class events:-

- (i) 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championship, Doha
- (ii) South Asian Yachting Regatta 2005
- (iii) ISAF Youth Worlds 2005.

(f) **Achievements.**

Kiel Week 2005 (420 Class)	-	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dubai Opens 2006 – Match Racing	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>
12 <sup>th</sup> Asian Sailing Championship– Match Racing		1 <sup>st</sup>
Regional Finals for Nations Cup – Match Racing-		1 <sup>st</sup>

(g) **YAI National Sailing Schools.**

#### **Bhopal**

- (i) The first YAI National School was inaugurated at Bhopal on 08 Aug 06 by the President YAI.
- (ii) Six Optimists have already been received and order has been placed for six more.
- (iii) Three old SAI Enterprise boats have been repositioned.
- (iv) Lt Col Milind Prabhu is being positioned by the Army in Oct 06 for two years. He will function as the co-ordinator of the school.
- (v) Coaches being positioned from INWTC and AYN on a rotational basis.

#### **Chandigarh**

- (i) Meeting with Chandigarh State Govt. is being programmed in End Sep/ Early Oct.

#### **Tehri Dam**

- (i) Detailed examination of the proposed site had to be undertaken as the reported variation in water level was 100 ft.



### **Govt. support of National Sailing Schools**

- (i) Case for procurement of 100 Optimist class boats under 75 % subsidy scheme is under consideration with the Equipment Procurement Sub-Committee.
- (ii) The DG SAI has assured full support for the scheme.

### **Item No. V - Autonomy of Class Associations (By NOAI).**

14. The Exec Vice President NOAI stated that selection of officials for International Championships is an issue that must be decided solely by the Class Associations. The decisions to appoint officials by Class Associations are arrived at by the Councils of the Associations after taking it into consideration all relevant factors. In the recent past, the YAI Selection Committee had laid down certain criteria in a specific case, which was not in accordance with policy/ practice and which led to undue controversy. In case any guidelines are to be defined, these must be done by the YAI and not by the Selection Committee in an arbitrary manner. These guidelines must also be made applicable to all Class Associations.

15. **Decision.** The President directed that a Committee be constituted to look into the issues brought out by the Exec Vice President NOAI.

**Action : YAI Secretariat**

### **Item No. VI - Transparency of Deliberations of YAI Selection and Training Committee (BY CESC).**

16. Exec Vice President NOAI stated that the YAI Selection and Training Committee acts on behalf of the YAI. The deliberations of the YAI during the Council Meetings are disseminated to all members. Similarly, the deliberations of the YAI Selection and Training Committee should also be recorded and disseminated, particularly on important issues like selection of teams. Greater transparency is for the betterment of the sport and its management. Mr Rabi Ahuja stated that all deliberations of the Selection & Training Committee are recorded and all concerned are apprised of the decisions of the Committee.

17. **Decision.** The above mentioned Committee is to examine this issue as well.

**Action: YAI Secretariat**

### **Item No. VII - Amendments to the YAI Constitution.**

18. The HSG informed the members regarding amendments made to the YAI constitution. He proposed the approval of the amended constitution which was seconded by Capt Homi Motivala.

19. **Decision.** The amendments to the Constitution were approved by the General Body.

#### Item No. VIII - Presentation by New YAI New Committees.

20. Maj Gen Dutta and Mr Cyrus Heerjee presented the plans of the Fund Raising and Publicity Committee (FRPC) and the Sailing Development Committee (SDC) respectively. The plans received the support of the General Body.

#### Item No. IX - Presentation of YAI Awards for 2005.

21. The YAI Awards for 2005 were presented to the following: -

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Awardee</u>	<u>Trophy</u>
(a)	Lt Gen BS Dhaliwal	Admiral Kohli Trophy for promotion of the sport of yachting.
(b)	Hav V Harihara	Admiral RM Tahiliani Trophy for yachtsman of the year.
(c)	Trisha Sabir	Admiral Nadkarni Trophy for most promising yachtsman of the year.
(d)	All Women Mumbai Goa Offshore Sailing Expedition in two "seabird" class boats Expedition	Admiral Ramdas Trophy for offshore adventure of the year.
(e)	Rohini Rau	E-in-C Trophy for Most promising lady sailor.

#### Item No. X - Any Other Point.

22. Maximum Participation in Selection Trials. Mr Sunil Lobo, Life Member recommended that to encourage children the Selection Trials should not be restricted to a particular category to be selected for foreign participation. Though this time the selection of the team for the Asian Games 2006 is for Optimist (Boys) category, the Selection Trials should have been for both boys and girls.

23. Decision. The President assured that the efforts are being made to encourage more children.

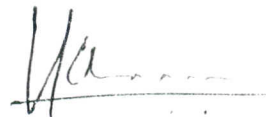
#### Item No. XI - President's Closing Address.

24. The President informed the General Body that this was the last time he was presiding over the AGM of the YAI. He mentioned the necessity of a substantial increase in the number of young people sailing for the sport to reach its full potential. He opined that to achieve our goals, we should work as a team. The Council or the officials of the Federation could only make plans. However, for these to be turned into reality, the co-operation and contribution of every person was essential. He thereafter thanked the members for their inputs, contribution and co-operation and wished them all the very best in their future endeavours.

Item No. XXII – Vote of Thanks

25. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the President YAI by Cmde SK Mongia.

26. These minutes are issued with the approval of the President YAI.



(Monty Khanna)

Captain

Hony Secy Gen

25 Oct 06