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**The Annual General Meeting of the
International Optimist Class Association (UK) was held at
The Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy,
as part of the Optimist Nationals,
on Tuesday, 12th August 2003 at 21.05 hours,**

Present: Families Alderton, Allen, Cooper, Cripps, Derbyshire, Diamond, White, Egerton. Esse, Garner, Garnett, Gibson, Godwin, Henshall, Liddicoat, Lasko, Lloyd-Williams, Martin (TN9 1QJ), McKeeman, Parkinson, Porter, Rainback, Saxton, Stock, Thomas (SO42 7TA), Thomas (SO31 7SL), Vulliamy and Witty.

1. There were apologies for absence from Mike Greenland.
2. The Minutes of the AGM held at Pwllheli Sailing Club on 7 August 2002 were read and agreed. (Proposed William Garnett and Seconded Alistair McKeeman)
3. **Chairman's Report:** Jan Lasko, reported that the Optimist sailors had had an excellent year with very good results. Brassemmeer, Belium, Flanders had all produced excellent results. At the Europeans in Croatia Maria Stanley had been 8th in the Girl's fleet and Tim Saxton 11th in the Boy's Fleet. The World Team in Gran Canaria had excelled themselves producing the best ever results for GBR. Hannah Mills was the first placed girl at 5th place, and the remainder of the team Richard Mason, Robbie Claridge, Greg Carey all had places in the top 25% of the fleet. At present we are second in the Miami Herald Trophy but the Team is seeking redress as they believe they should have been awarded first place and the trophy. The Team has the backing of the RYA.

The RYA has changed its structure for zone training. There will be area training in October, November and December and the zone training will start in January 2004. This is in an attempt to keep members sailing at their home clubs. It is felt that with a lot of sailors away training it is putting off the grass roots sailing at clubs. With the new calendar it is hoped to encourage more home sailors to participate.

The web site has had a make over. It is hoped that information will be more readily available. The flotilla leaders will be asked to encourage their members to use both Op News and the website for feedback

In November 2002 Sara Havill was appointed to take over from Jenny Campbell-James. Peter Martin was appointed as the Development Coach to assist The Training Officer and to develop the growth of membership. Ollie Green has been appointed as the RYA Optimist National Coach.

Volvo Musto Sponsorship is assured for 2004 and continued sponsorship for 2005 will be discussed next year. The Chairman believes that there are no indications that this will not be continued.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Liddicoat issued a summary on the details of the Accounts for 2002 for members to peruse. He explained that unlike 2001 in 2002 we were in deficit. This was caused in part by the writing down of Op Shop. Op Shop no longer exists. The difference in the year end between IOCA and the RYA also caused accounting difficulties.

5. **Annual Subscriptions:** The Treasurer proposed that the annual subscriptions for 2004 be £25 for a family and £10 for each extra siblings. Peter Saxton seconded the proposal. There was one member against the proposal with the remainder in favour.

A discussion took place on how it is proposed to encourage more members into the class. It was agreed that this topic would be taken to the next committee meeting for urgent action.

6. **Election of Officers:**

Function	Name	Proposer	Secunder
President	Mike Greenland	Jan Lasko	Rose Jarvis
Chairman	Jan Lasko	Charles Parkinson	Steve Witty
Vice Chairman	Charles Parkinson	Howard Symons	Tim Pettit
Secretary	Heather Murdock	Jan Lasko	Steve Witty
Treasurer	Mike Liddicoat	Jenny Makepeace	Sue Saxton
Training Officer	Peter Saxton	Jenny Makepeace	Philip De Boltz
Sailing Secretary	Fiona Rainback	Mike Lis	Jan Lasko
Technical Officer	Steve Witty	Jan Lasko	Rose Jarvis
Membership Secretary	Mandy Stock	Steve Witty	Jan Lasko
Committee Member	Anthony Esse	Fiona Rainback	Simon Boddie
Committee Member	Mike Lis	Steve Witty	Chris Hadden
Committee Member	Richard Thomas	Clive Garner	Simon Lovesey
Committee Member	Nigel Alderton	Mike Cripps	Mike Chapple

A block vote was taken for all nominations. This was agreed unanimously.

7. **Appointment of Auditor:** Mike Liddicoat thanked Chris Powell for auditing the 2002 accounts. He stepped in at the last minute to help IOCA with this task.

Although a member has been asked to be the official auditor it was not possible to get the formal agreement to this. ML asked that it be left to himself and the committee to arrange for this post to be filled and the members would be kept in touch of all developments.

8. A proposal was tabled by the Treasurer and Chairman to change the IOCA financial year from December 31st to October 31st with effect from 31st October 2003. The reason for this proposal was to coincide the RYA end of year with the IOCA end of year. This change will enable the smooth running of grant allocations and monies received from the RYA. This was agreed. Mike Liddicoat – Proposer, Jan Lasko – Secunder.
9. A proposal was tabled that in view of the change of year end for accounts the AGM should be moved to the Inland Championships. A discussion took place and it was agreed by all members present. Proposer Peter Diamond Secunder Peter Saxton

There being no other official business the meeting closed at 9.58pm.