

2001 AGM Minutes Appendix A

This report was presented to the 2003 AGM by President Robert O. Duffy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Good Morning.

Due to the timing of championship regattas it seems as if it was just yesterday that we were sitting at our last annual general meeting in Bermuda.

During the last nine months we have managed to achieve some of the objectives that were set at that meeting, others, well, we haven't quite got there yet!

Class development as a whole has been positive with fleet development interest expressed by a number of locations in the US west coast and one in Canada.

Whether these expressions of interest turn into actual fleet development will depend to a certain extent on how the class is perceived. Are we continuing to grow and maintain viable and vibrant fleets is a frequent question posed by those interested in developing a new fleet.

The Class is ably assisted in promoting this development in North America by Danielle Ames and my thanks to her for stepping into the shoes of Peter McCausland when he found a need to step down as Vice President, Building Relations, North America.

Danielle is charged with the responsibility of investigating, in concert with our Class authorized builders, the production of hulls in the areas of the world where there may be substantial savings on labour rates or exchange benefits that will reflect favourably on the purchase price of our beautiful boats.

As you will hear in the Fleet Reports, a number of boats have re-located from the Glasgow fleet to Falmouth on the south coast of England so perhaps, at some point in the future; we might have another sailing venue in Europe.

The historical information of the Class has finally been converted to a modern software format and you will shortly be receiving an electronic copy for review and correction. Our thanks to Herb Motley for sorting out this task.

Our less successful achievements have been in the area of communications. At last year's meeting there was concern voiced that the Class was not offering much to its associate members for the fee involved. As you may remember, I personally felt that people sailing regularly in the Class should be associate members irrespective of a tangible benefit. Nevertheless, the consensus was that there should be at least a newsletter in electronic form.

Herb Motley undertook to produce this newsletter and has found his hands tied because of a lack of input material from the fleets. We can certainly produce the newsletters but it will be heavily biased towards the northern US and Bermuda – this is not what we want so it is up to you, either as individuals, or fleets, to give us the information – opinions, results, anecdotes, whatever you think may be of interest we need to produce the newsletter.

We have also not been very successful in getting more information on to our website. This will be corrected before too long and one of the first postings will be a database system that will enable us to have the personal contact information of each class member which in turn will ensure each member receives a copy of the newsletter.

Before you leave Northeast Harbor I would like you to make sure that Herb has an appropriate contact in your fleet.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow officers for their support and hard work over the past nine months which includes regular telephone conference calls to ensure completion of Class business. In particular, I would like to thank Peter Rugg and Wells Bacon who will be standing down this year as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Normally, I would not single out any one individual but I think the Class should recognize the fact that Peter has been Treasurer for the past 13 years and the solid rock on which I and many past presidents have relied. Please join me in thanking Peter appropriately.

Being somewhat disorganized I do not have it with me, but the Class will be presenting Peter with a print of Steven Dawes painting of International One Designs racing in Bermuda.

Our thanks also go to the members and friends of the Northeast Harbor fleet who have provided such a wonderful sailing experience this year.

Thank you.