



June 4, 2019

IYFR INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HAMBURG, GERMANY.

- I. Welcome to the AGM by the Chairman.
- II. Greetings from the International Commodore. IC Guillermo Arteta.
- III. Commodores's reports. (Areas 1, 2 and 3)
- IV. Ammendments to the general rules by the International Vice Commodore Robert Burns.
- V. Treasurer's report.
- VI. Matters arising.
- VII. International Commodore Report and message.
- VIII. AGM closure.

I. All attendees were welcomed by the chairman, thanking them for their attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

II. The International Commodore welcomed and announced that the new rear commodore would be Angélica Mesistrano. He thanked the German fleets for their excellent organization and welcomed everyone to the AGM.

III. **Report by IVC Robert Burns. Area 1.**

Membership was reported to have been sustained overall in the Area, even though it had fallen in some countries. Some new squadrons had been formed, which compensated for the loss of members. The Hellenic Ionian Fleet had looked as if it would be dissolved although it is a very popular area for sailing and an attempt would be made to revive it. Serbia's 30-member fleet was chartered in October. Members' interest are divided between those who sail on the coast and those who sail on the rivers. The North Italian Lakes fleet had been chartered with 23 members and in the summer the first fleet in Ukraine would be chartered with 50 members, containing 5 squadrons. The South East

Spain Fleet had formed Marbella and Valencia Squadrons, who were expected to develop into fleets. The fleet in Mali in West Africa had been put on hold for a year, but had now reformed with 23 members and there was renewed interest

In September the Area Meeting had been held in Portsmouth, England and had been very successful. Next year it would move to Athens in Greece. Regular regattas had continued to take place throughout the Area. They had attracted members from around the Area and provided great fun.

On the service side, \$9,700 USD had been made available to Area 1 in the form of IYFR Grants and attracted five applications. Everyone that had applied received money, which would be put to good use.

Therefore, Area 1 was reported to be in good health and the members continuing to enjoy the benefits of the Fellowship.

Area 2 report by AC Angie Mesistrano.

Membership: There were reported the same number of fleets as the previous year. However, two new squadrons were created: the new Manta squadron, belonging to the Guayaquil Ecuador fleet and the new San Bernardo Squadron from Cartagena de Indias fleet. There were reported to be 23 fleets and 10 squadrons. There were 775 members with a growth of 13%. In synthesis, 13 fleets increased, 5 fleets maintained their membership and 5 fleets decreased.

Diffusion of Public Image: There had been local and international dissemination: graphic media and Facebook, radio, television, Instagram, Youtube, etc. and our fellowship's pin had been given to the President of Rotary International, Barry Rassin.

\$4,000 USD had been granted to Area 2 from the IYFR Grants. 3 fleets had presented the projects that were approved. They were San Francisco fleet, Delta fleet and Punta del Este fleet. Regarding finances, it was reported that all annual dues payments had been made and the report was good.

The Plastic Free Waters program have been launched, some publications had been made about this new program. Reference was made to this issue and many districts were participated and adhering. In a meeting with Rotary International President Mark Maloney the Plastic Free Waters program had been presented. Many fleets in Area 2 are already working with this program against plastic pollution in rivers, seas and oceans.

It was announced that the Area 2 AGM would be held in May in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, since it could not be held in Ecuador. Cartagena is a great city and they invite us to attend and visit places like San Andrés Island and the Coffee route with area additional tours.

RI has supported us by organizing a parallel session at the convention. It was The Power of RI Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups.

Many different service projects carried out by fleets have been mentioned.

To sum up, Area 2 has enjoyed good winds, all the indicators are positive.

Area 3 report by IRC David Hanson.

The membership in Australia, Asia, New Zealand and Pacific, which had 40 fleets was a total of 999 members. It was noted that 21% of the fleets were doing well but some others not so well, while some did not respond to any communication. Growth was recorded in Auckland. In 47% of the fleets there had been growth and one new fleet was formed. Japan was well maintained and conserved its fleets. The Area 3 AGM was expected to be held in Hong Kong. On the financial side the Treasurer in Area 3 had reported that the finances were healthy. Last year the AGM had been held in Singapore. The Commodores arrived and there was a good representation of the fleets. The AGM for Area 3 is scheduled for 2021 in the month of March.

IV. **Amendments to the general rules by the International Vice Commodore Robert Burns.** Every two years the Vice Commodore obtains proposals from members for changes to the General Rules. All the proposed amendments are circulated to all the IYFR Members for voting. This had been done and the amendments were approved with more than a 75% majority vote.

V. **Treasurer's report.** All fleets were thanked for good financial condition. Before June 30, corrections could be made to the report if they existed. Andrea was the Editor of the Rotafloat magazine and the Treasurer's Report would be included in the next publication of the magazine. The Treasurer had a copy with him for each Regional Commodore. The report was presented consolidated as of March 30. There were no financial problems. Grants could continue.

VI. **Matters arising.** It was mentioned that a meeting was held with World President Elect, Mark Malloney to discuss the 'Plastic Free Waters' pollution program. The President commented that this program was not contemplated as part of his plans for the following year. It was commented that the 75th anniversary of the United Nations would be celebrated in Honolulu. We could join the UN to include ourselves in the celebration with the 'Plastic Soup' project.

IVC Robert Burns wanted to remind everyone that the AGM would be held in Honolulu from June 6 to 10, 2020.

VII. **International Commodore Report and message .** IC Guillermo Arteta highlighted that IYFR was growing. He mentioned that the Anti-plastic program was really important and asked to update the program on the IYFR website.

VIII. **AGM closure.** After thanking everyone for attending, the AGM the session ended.