



420 Monthly Committee Meeting

GBR International 420 Class Association

8th December 2020

Zoom Call

Attendees:

Simon Cook (SC)

Sharon Davidson-Guild (SDG)

Jon Meadowcroft (JM)

Jess Lavery (JL)

Julia Staite (JS)

Emmy Walker (EW)

Steve Davis (SD)

Lucy Bennett (LB)

Andrew Taylor (AT)

Karen Fern (KF)

Chris Braund (CB)

Tim Rush (TR)

Apologies:

Clemency Evans (CE)

Joff McGill (JMG)

Matty Evans (ME)

Hector Bennett (HB)

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm

Welcome from Chair

SC welcomed the committee to the meeting and opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting from 10th November 2020 were approved.

Training

The committee discussed feedback to recent feedback regarding training being moved and north/south splits. The committee agreed that there was no other option (other than cancelling) but to move to a club that could accommodate when, at short notice, Oxford confirmed they were no longer able to take place. The committee discussed at length the feedback. It was agreed that the training calendar does try to balance the mix of north/south venues but that isn't always possible, particularly in the current climate. However, specific north based training to encourage more northern sailors to the class would be looked at along with opportunities for Scottish sailors to get involved and to encourage southern sailors to participate in training not on the south coast to develop sailors from around the whole of the UK.

JL explained that there were some opportunities in Scotland and Wales that were planned and would be open to the whole class; these will be included on the calendar so all sailors are aware of them.

Marketing

The committee discussed recent marketing for the Class and agreed that the increase in articles/social media was good but the content needed to be mindful of current environments.

BaseCamp

SDG confirmed that she had created 3 projects on BaseCamp to be used by the committee to share/discuss items. The committee agreed to continue to use this going forward.

Class Website

SC advised that still needed feedback for the website and he would circulate pages for consideration to the committee. The committee was asked to review and provide feedback to enable the website development to commence.

Finance

The committee discussed that sometimes Paypal doesn't clear in a way that allows an entry to be immediately accepted. This wouldn't cause any problems if there is no restrictions on entry but if there is it could mean that someone could miss entry because of the way their payment clears through Paypal. AT confirmed that he has this challenge but didn't know why. It was agreed that SDG/AT would continue to monitor this.

SC asked AT to provide the committee with an overview of the current finances for the next committee meeting.

Sailing/Events

SD provided the committee with an overview of the additional event (Xmas Regatta) that was agreed to add to the calendar following the previous committee meeting. The committee discussed the option of having some type of food e.g. BBQ (weather dependant). It was agreed that any cost should come out of the entry fee paid, if this was done. SD also confirmed that the club would provide a number of boats for committee boats etc but members/class would need to provide ribs. SD will continue to plan with relevant committee members.

SD discussed the draft 2021 event calendar. It was discussed that there needed to be a spread across the UK. SD explained there were 2 options for the Nationals (1) Poole (2) Pwllheli. It was agreed that Pwllheli would be good to put in the calendar to give a better location spread. The dates were also discussed and it was agreed that the dates should allow time to return from the Europeans but should also provide an opportunity for the Scottish sailors to attend. The committee acknowledged that the Nationals normally took place over August Bank Holiday but that this excluded Scottish sailors as they were back to school. SD confirmed he'd go away and book Pwllheli with a date that worked.

The committee also discussed options to have other events added to the calendar to provide more racing opportunities. These wouldn't necessarily all count so that people had to attend everything but gave a choice (e.g. Xmas regatta). The committee agreed to add an Xmas regatta to the calendar as this gave those who may not go abroad to Palamos the opportunity to race before Xmas.

A number of other options were offered by the committee to SD to try to ensure geographical balance. SD confirmed he'd take this into consideration and would look to get the calendar, as it was, published asap and asked the committee to bear in mind that many clubs weren't open at the minute so the spread may not be as in a "normal" year but he would aim to meet the objectives.

International Events

LB confirmed that very little on the calendar at the minute apart from Worlds/Europeans. The committee noted the change of venue for the Worlds. LB confirmed she would start looking at planning for Worlds/Europeans.

The committee discussed the need for the Selection Policy for Worlds/Europeans. It was understood that this was currently being drafted and depending on what happened at the beginning of 2021 with Covid it may need to be tweaked.

Meeting closed at 8.40PM