420 Monthly Committee Meeting

GBR International 420 Class Association

16th February 2023

Meeting via Teams

**Attendees:**

| James George  Gareth Greenfield  Sara Creighton  Jane Wade | Tom Jones  Ben Rayner  Sharon Davidson-Guild |
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**Apologies:**

Tiffany Cawthorne Teddy Dunn

Oscar Cawthorne

Arthur Bailey

**Actions from Previous Meeting**

GG opened the meeting by going through actions from the previous meeting:

1. **Selection Event for Youth Worlds**

GG confirmed that the RYA had confirmed that selection for the Youth Worlds would be as per Selection Policy i.e. 420 World Championships, Turkey.

1. **Bow Number Pilot**

It was noted that the bow number pilot i.e. people providing their own or use of templates had gone well. It was noted that the inked ones looked similar to the plastic stickers.

JG asked if we could “mandate” that no-one was allowed to use plastic from now on. GG confirmed that we needed to understand how long they last and ensure there are no other impacts/implications that are unknown. It was agreed that the Class would look to have the Nationals as the first “no plastic bow number” event.

JG asked if we could insist on no other plastic stickers; it was agreed that need to be careful as to how far this went.

1. **Nationals 2023**

SDG gave an update on the Nationals in Pwhelli. Plans are underway.

1. **Dinghy Show Budget**

JW presented a copy of the planned budget for the Dinghy Show to the committee.

**Marketing Update: Jane Wade**

Dinghy Show

JW went through the plans for the Dinghy Show. The committee discussed whether they wanted any additional “backdrops” on the stand. It was agreed not needed. **ACTION:** JG to find posters/pop ups from last year to be used.

JW confirmed that members were needed to man the stand. **ACTION:** SDG to send email to members to request volunteers.

JG confirmed that 2 boats would be brought to the Dinghy Show; there was a discussion around which boats and it was agreed that they shouldn't be 2 x Lennon. SDG raised the point that having a new boat and a second hand boat would provide a better overview of the different types of boats and how accessible the class was. **ACTION:** JG to ensure there are 2 boats available on stands.

GG asked whether the volunteers got free entry. **ACTION**: JW to check how many entry bands we’d been given with the stand.

JG presented an idea to have a “roll of honour” that would be placed on the stand. JG explained his idea. There was a discussion around ensuring that criteria and how it would work/ what the future was. **ACTION:** JG to upload a “plan” on BaseCamp for consideration by the Committee.

JG asked to discuss the “give a boat away for a year” idea that was put on BaseCamp. The committee discussed the idea further and whilst broadly supportive agreed that it needed more thought and planning. SDG advised the committee that she had been working on a Transition Training plan which could link to JG’s idea. **ACTION:** Idea to be worked on over next couple of days and shared on BaseCamp so the idea could be finalised before promoting it.

Sponsorship

JW confirmed that Sailing Chandlery wanted to sponsor our GP series by providing prizes. JW will work on a proposal for this.

**Finance Update: Marion Potter**

MP confirmed nothing to report. **ACTION:** a full breakdown will be provided at the next meeting.

**Technical Update: Ben Rayner**

BR advised committee had a question about quick release harnesses. **ACTION:** BR to provide an update to Class based on conversations had at World Sailing level. Clarification to be provided.

BR advised the committee that he wanted to get some of the Sailor Reps to do some “how to” videos **ACTION:** Sailor Reps to produce videos.

BR advised the committee that he wanted to ensure we had standard NOR & SI’s to be used. TJ asked whether there could be a “series NOR” that could be used. This had been done in the Oppies; BR said would look at this. TJ also asked whether the class had considered having a Class “Race Officer” who could work with the class to develop NOR’s /SI’s etc. **ACTION:** BR/SDG to review NOR/SI’s to create standard and consider TJ’s ideas and look to approach potential people

**International Update: SDG**

SDG provided an update on the parents meeting and confirmed there would be another meeting at Rutland for TC to provide an update on the comments/thoughts from parents.

**Events Update**

Upcoming events:

* Rutland: about to open
* GP at WPNSA: discussions taking place with Cadet Class and WPNSA to agree NOR
* JG confirmed that a joint event with 29er had been agreed in Lymington. JW and BR expressed a concern at another event on the south coast. This led to a discussion about the lack of venues around the UK to be used. **ACTION:** JW/SDG to review other locations and calendar to look to get an equal geographical spread.
* The committee agreed that Warsash will be the first event in September. It was agreed that the class would look at whether Brixham should continue or whether an alternative venue. JG was concerned about cancelling Brixham as he’d struggled to get the class there; the committee understood this but were concerned about the distance and geographical spread of venues. **ACTION**: look to determine whether any other suitable venues could do September to replace Brixham.

**Any other Business**

**Class Assets**

BR questioned whether we were going to sell one of the class boats (as was previously agreed). **ACTION**: SDG to check with the person who donated the boat as to whether it could be sold on to someone in class.

**Selection Policy**

GG asked whether there was any update on the feedback given to Ian Walker on Selection Policy at the parents meeting. SDG confirmed that this was currently being circulated within the Selection Committee and any changes would be notified as soon as possible.

**Limited Company**

SDG asked if there had been any movement on changing the Class to a limited company following AGM in August. GG confirmed that there is a company set up at Companies House but the rest of the paperwork/documentation needed to be done.

**Action Log**

SDG asked if the committee wanted the previous Action Log to be used again. It was agreed that it should. SDG confirmed she’d circulate and then it can be used to look at outstanding actions at the start of each meeting.

**Policies & Procedures**

SDG advised the committee that the class policies and procedures needed to be reviewed on a regular basis. SDG to set up some time for these to be reviewed and put a process in place to ensure a review happens periodically.

**2024 Worlds - Brazil**

JG advised that there was a potential that the class could purchase a container from the Cadets to help transport boats to Brazil. JG said he’d found somewhere to store this. It was agreed that more information was needed in terms of how many sailors may want to go; how many boats the container could hold, potential costs etc. It was agreed that a comms should go out to members for them to understand facts about Brazil as this would help people to make decisions. **ACTION**: JG to ask Chris Braund for details of work he’s done and put a proposal together to outline what’s involved so that this can go out to members.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm