



## 420 Monthly Committee Meeting

GBR International 420 Class Association

15th March 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting via Google Meets

### Attendees:

Gareth Greenfield  
Tiffany Cawthorne  
Richard Breese  
Ben Rayner  
Sara Creighton

Marion Potter  
Imogen Wade  
Katie Jones  
Oscar Cawthorne

### Apologies:

Jane Wade

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### Adgenda

1. Apologies
2. Action log review
3. Finance Update
4. Sailor Rep Update
5. Events
6. Training
7. Marketing & Sponsorship
8. Technical
9. AOB

**Action Log:** SDG went through the Action Log and asked that people provide updates on the items.

#### Finance Update

MP explained that the Class aim to leave a set amount of cash at any one time in the Class bank account to enable coverage of large payments (e.g European entries); current activity is allowing this. MP explained training is breathing event and events are making a small profit. It was confirmed that membership numbers were down from 136 in previous year to 95 as of date of meeting. The committee need to consider membership fees going forward if costs continue to go up.

MP explained that the class van/ trailers have recently cost circa £7k and that consideration was needed from the committee whether a donation should be made by people if they borrow the Class Assets. Agreed that would explore further.

MP further explained that can often be cheaper to hire a rib at a venue rather than taking class rib and this should be considered.

### **Sailor Rep Update**

OC gave an update on the previous weekend's event and commented that the social was good.

Discussion was had regarding the social side for the Nationals; it was agreed that the Black Tie would be on Sunday night. The Sailor Reps will work with the organising team to provide ideas and requirements.

### **Events Update**

It was noted that the event in Rutland went well on the whole. However, it was noted that one boat had to be rescued and it was agreed that due to the nature of the incident that an incident log needed to be raised. It was agreed that SDG/BR would lead this as they didn't have any sailors/interest involved.

Discussions were had about lessons learnt from the incident and a number of actions were taken.

It was noted that entry for the upcoming GP were low and it was agreed that this needed to be pushed to maximise attendance.

### **Training Update**

It was noted that the preYN training was to be increased to 18 boats with 3 coaches as demand was high.

### **Marketing Update**

JW noted that the Dinghy Show was a real success and that a lessons learnt was being pulled together. It was noted that the Class wasn't on the Treasure Hunt which resulted in less people attending the stand but it was noted that this wasn't necessarily a bad thing but there needed to be a balance of ensuring people could find the stand without just going to the stand to pick up a "tick" on the treasure hunt.

**Sponsorship:** JW confirmed that from the Dinghy Show Vaikobi had come forward to become a Class Sponsor and JW will be working with them to pull this together.

JW confirmed that social media activity was showing more positive in terms of people accessing the various social media platforms and driving people to us. It was agreed that there was still work to be done to continue to push this forward.

### **Technical Update**

A discussion was had regarding Dynema trapeze lines.

## **AOB**

**Class Boats:** it was noted that the Class Boats needed to be ready to enable them to be used for try a boat.

**Trophies:** It was noted that Rachel Bailey will be picking up the responsibility for trophies.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held during the Youth Nationals as people would be in person.

Meeting closed at 22.00