420 Monthly Committee Meeting

GBR International 420 Class Association

13th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting via Google Meets

**Attendees:**

| Gareth GreenfieldTiffany CawthorneJane WadeRichard BreeseRoyd Brayshay | Marion PotterImogen WadeKatie JonesTom Jones |
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**Apologies:**

Ralph Cawthorne

Ellie Creighton

Ben Rayner

Steven Greaves

**Opening**

GG welcomed everyone to the first committee meeting of the new committee and thanked people for stepping forward.

The minutes from the previous meeting (June 2023) were approved.

GG indicated that for him, there were 3 areas of focus for the year:

1. New member; how do we bring new people to the class?
2. Training; how do we get people to attend training
3. Racing: consistent numbers at events

GG said that he believed the key was PR and Communication in terms of how, when, where and what.

**RYA Update**

GG provided an update on his meeting with Oli from the RYA; he confirmed that the RYA funding looked like it was £500 less than last year which was a better position than expected.

GG advised that the RYA are working on a piece of work - Future of Youth Sailing. This is being led by Rob Andrews and GG will be meeting with him to discuss the Class and how it fits into the future.

GG advised that the RYA are looking at changing how they select squads and started this year with the Nacra. The format being:

* Day 1 = racing
* Day 2 = challenges to solve/take part in to see how sailors respond

GG said that he expected to see something similar in the future for 420.

GG said that they discussed how to build the 420’s into a stronger class. It was noted that Oli had said that he wanted boats to be competitive and perform at their best internationally. Getting into the gold fleet wasn’t seen as a success!

GG also advised that they had discussed the process for the second 420 Youth Squad Coach and it was hoped that after further interviews this week that someone would be selected.

**Training**

The committee discussed the need to ensure that our training offering was right; GG explained that he’d been chatting with SDG about running “skill sessions” as she had been speaking to Neil Marsden. SDG confirmed she would put a proposal on BaseCamp for review.

**Action:** Skills proposal to be put on BaseCamp (SDG)

A question was raised about putting the Regional Training on our calendar with details of how people may get involved.

**Action**: Regional Training Dates to be added to calendar

**Sailing Secretary/Events**

GG said that great to see Tom and Kate getting up to speed.

TC provided an update:

* **Rutland** - 2.5 weeks away. There isn’t an event organiser for the event. NOR are ready so the event can be opened. Discussion regarding Jury. As GP and not Selector for Youth Squad anymore less need for a Jury. TJ to check what expenses have been committee for the Jury and make a decision.

IW indicated that the sailors wanted a social at Rutland. TJ said that he’d ask the club.

**Action**: TJ to check with the club about using a separate room for social and communicate details of food on Saturday evening.

* **Class PRO** - TJ would like agreement to appoint a class PRO. He explained that he’s found that one of the reasons that the class standard NOR and SI’s hadn’t previously worked was that clubs weren’t confident that they were “right”. If these are provided by a known “professional” PRO then they are more likely to adopt them. TJ explained that Class PRO would be responsible for NOR & SI’s and appointing the PRO for the event. **It was agreed that TJ should move forward with this proposal.**
* **# of Races**: a question was raised as to how many races should be standard across a weekend. The background was explained to the committee as to why it moved from 6 as standard to 8. TJ explained that he’d spoken to Stoggs who had expressed concern about having 8 races and why the recommendation was for max of 7 over the weekend. A discussion was had regarding what the right number was. IW explained from the sailor point of view that she believed that 3 per day were enough. TJ said he’d look at it and speak to sailor reps further to come up with a proposal.

**Action**: TJ to speak to sailor reps and PRO to determine what standard # of races should be.

* **Volunteer Sheets**: TJ said that he wanted to make the current volunteer sheets available to everyone.

RB explained that he is currently looking at creating a summary of the volunteer roles and what the role involves. He is also pulling together a summary of who volunteers/ who doesn’t and what people like to do to try to encourage more people to volunteer.

**Action**: Creation of Volunteer list and roles (RB)

* **Prize Giving**: TJ said that he wanted to discuss how to make prize giving more inclusive as at Warsash a number of people didn’t even attend and for those that did only a few got a prize. It was discussed having smaller “giveaways” for different prizes. JW explained that it’s really difficult to get people to give us items for giveaways but that she’s looking at other options for 2024.

**Action**: GG to speak to Oli at RYA to see if they have any old kit that we could use as giveaways.

**Action**: JW to look for further sponsorship for prizes.

**Class Assets**

GG explained that he’s asked Richard Breese to lead a small group to look at the class assets - what do we have, what condition are they in, when are insurances up etc. The intention of this group is to get a group of people to help manage them.

**Action**: SDG to provide RB with a list of the class assets known to start off with.

**Action**: RB to pull together list of assets and proposal for how will look to manage/group to help

**Finance**

MP explained that there is a need to make sure that we keep an eye on the numbers attending events/training as the margins are really tight if numbers at events are around 25. There is very little slack and if the numbers are around 25 we will make a loss.

International Budgets: these are nearly finalised. MP needs to finalise with SDG.

**Action:** SDG and MP to meet to finalise budgets so can determine whether people owe extra or whether any monies need to be returned.

**International**

TC asked for confirmation on the following events:

* **Junior Euro**: it was agreed that this should be a class led event. TC confirmed she was looking at hotel options and some logistics for transporting boats. TC will provide a summary when she is further forward.
* **Palamos:** it was discussed whether it should be a class led event; it was agreed that it should. TC explained that it was also a 29er event this year for the first time and that she would look to start to pull details together.
* **Bordeaux**: TC explained that this conflicted with half term dates and that it wasn’t a RYA supported event. It was agreed that due to the conflict with half term that it should be put on the class calendar but that it should be parent led.
* **San Remo**: This is an RYA supported event for Youth Squad. It was agreed that it should be advertised as a class event.

TC indicated that she will get together a small group to discuss the plans for all the above and report back to committee.

**Action**: TC to pull together options/summary for each event and report back to committee.

**Worlds 2024 - Brazil:** TC advised that it looked unlikely that any boats were looking to attend the worlds. TC advised that GBR has 2 charter boats; one may be used by one of the Youth World teams but given the cost was EUR3,500 per boat this may not be happening.

It was discussed that a note should go out to advise that GBR had the option of 2 charter boats to see if anyone was interested; if not these needed to be given up. SDG to speak to charter company to see when needed to know and pay by.

**Action**: SDG to contact charter company to find out timings and for communication to be sent out to all members to advise to see if anyone is interested.

**Marketing**

JW advised she has a letter for GG to send to Viakobi to thank them for their Nationals sponsorship.

JW advised that she is looking for options for more sponsorship in 2024 and will come back to the committee.

**Action**: JW to review sponsorship options for 2024.

**Any Other Business**

A discussion was had about how we engage with the new boats from the Nationals to encourage them to get more involved and continue in class.

**Action**: follow up with new boats at Nationals to target them with training/events and see what we can do to help them get more involved in the committee.

**Action**: pick up with Tim Rush about 6 new sailors he spoke to TJ about.

**Class Boats**: A discussion was had about how can we use them going forward to support transition. SDG said that she has previously suggested that one of the class boats lived with the class rib and would be available for use at every training/event rib was at. RB said that felt this could be a good measure of success in terms of ensuring it was always used.

**Action**: RB to consider how might do this when looking at class assets management.

**Action List**:The committee agreed to use the Action List to track actions.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**