



420 Monthly Committee Meeting

GBR International 420 Class Association

8th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting via Google Meets

Attendees:

Gareth Greenfield
Tiffany Cawthorne
Jane Wade
Steve Greaves
Mark Howard

Katie Jones
Tom Jones
Ben Rayner

Apologies:

Richard Breese
Imogen Wade
Marion Potter
Ralph Cawthorne
Ellie Creighton
Royd Brayshaw
Matthew Rayner

Opening

Training Officer: GG welcomed Mark Howard to the Committee as Training Officer. Steve Greaves will continue as Deputy Training Officer. GG said that he was looking forward to moving the training forward.

RYA Update: GG provided an update on recent meeting with the RYA (1) European Events; the RYA are not currently sure which event they will support. Further information to follow. (2) Youth Nationals; GG confirmed that the RYA were planning to follow same format as previous year with a medal race, they are also considering sprint races. (3) GG confirmed that the RYA aren't using a different format for their support of 29er at summer team events; this has been miscommunicated outside of RYA and GG confirmed that the RYA will support both classes in the same way.

Selection Process: there was a discussion about which events would be used to select summer teams. GG confirmed that setting up a discussion with Ian Walker (Head of Selection Committee) and that considering having a format whereby 2 out of 3 events count. Further update will be brought to committee.

Chair Update Meeting: GG confirmed due to speak to parents at End of Seasons (1) Socials; confirming that Class is not responsible, parents need to ensure their sailors are supervised (if required) and they set expectations (2) Class Workings; overview of how the class works in terms of squad selection, teams etc (3) International Events; overview on how these differ to some other Youth Classes, in terms of limited spaces and selection needed.

Sailor Rep Update

It was confirmed that the sailors didn't want to have a "fun day" at the Nationals. A Crew Race was requested to be included in the programme. A discussion was had regarding the number of races per day and it was agreed that further feedback would be gathered at the EoS. IW requested that bibs be used daily at the Nationals for the top 3 boats overall. JW confirmed would look at doing this.

The Sailor Reps expressed a concern that blame was being placed on them regarding socials; GG stated that he was going to make it clear that the parents were responsible for their sailors.

It was agreed that the EoS social would start at 7.30 pm and finish at 10.00 pm so parents can pick up sailors.

A discussion was had regarding use of WhatsApp as a communication forum and it was noted that under 16's were not allowed to use this channel. An action was taken to consider how communication should be completed going forward.

International Update

TC confirmed that Worlds/European final budgets had now been pulled together and that these would be sent out to members shortly to allow people the opportunity to plan their summer.

TC confirmed that the coach for Palamos would now be Oli Hill, not Hayden Sewell. TC confirmed that there were 12 boats with 2 ribs (parent to crew second rib as on water support).

It was noted that the trailers needed to be serviced and Yossi had agreed to do this. There was further discussion about whether the axel should be changed to a European design to make it easier to get parts/repared in Europe if something goes wrong in the future.

Event Update

End of Season: TJ gave an update on the number of boats and logistics for the event. It was noted that there were only 29 boats, which was lower than usual.

The committee discussed the timing for a cut off for submitting Button Numbers; it was agreed that more comms would be sent out to encourage sailors to submit these to ensure that they were done.

Nationals, Dale: SDG confirmed that she was pulling together a draft budget/costings for the event and that a sub team would be pulled together to work on the event.

Technical Update

BR advised the committee that there were new Rules that needed to be considered. BR took an action to write an article for the website to update members.

BR raised that the Class currently has changed it's SI's to allow multiple sails to be used but from 1/12/23 the "loophole" that we have been using to enable this cannot be used. A discussion took place regarding the use of sails at events and it was agreed to go with Option 2 (use RRS87).

Marketing Update

There was no update noted.

Training Update

There was no update given.

AOB

Class Van Insurance: it was noted that the van insurance quote was £1,800. An action was taken to see if this could be got at a lower price. A question was raised as to whether it could be insured just for trips that it did and it was agreed that this would be considered as an option.

Safeguarding Officer: GG to advertise the role.

Meeting closed at 21.08pm