



INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013 held in Valencia, ESP on 27th of July 2013

PRESENT: *MEMBERS eligible to vote:*

BRA	Carla Splettstösser
BUL	Zlatin Georgiev Sarastov
CHI	Fernanda Sesto
CZE	Filip Havel
ESP	Bruno Gago
FRA	Philippe Boudgourd
GBR	Adrian Stoggall
GER	Reinhold Opalka
GRE	Nikos Drougkas
HKG	Chan Yuk Wah
IND	Gautama Dutta
IRL	Brian McDowell
ISR	Daniel Dekel
ITA	Luciano Crocetti
JPN	Yumiko Shige
USA	Larry Law

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Nino Shmueli	<i>President</i>	NS
José Massapina	<i>Vice President</i>	JM
Catherine Dodds	<i>Treasurer</i>	CD
Dimitris Dimou	<i>TC chairman</i>	DD
Jurgen Cluytmans	<i>General Secretary</i>	JC

IN ATTENDANCE:

APOLOGIES: *MEMBERS eligible to vote: Nil*

ABSENT: *MEMBERS eligible to vote:*

AUT; DEN; ISV; MYA; NED; NZL; POR; RUS; TUR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Nil

DOCUMENTS (circulated before the meeting):

- Agenda
- 2013 annual report of the president
- 2013 Promotional and development annual report + 2013 / 2014 promotional and development plan
- Consolidated annual account 2012
- 2013 Technical Committee report

WELCOME

NS welcomes the voting members & observers to the general assembly and after thanking Rafel Xirivella and Real Club Nautico Valencia for the facilities put at disposal for the meeting, NS opens the meeting at 18h00 local time.

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

Initially 12 of the 25 members, eligible to vote, are present. Taking into account the 2011 Constitution, there is a valid quorum. During the meeting this number increases to 16. The proposal of GRE and seconded by IND to elect NS as chairman of the meeting is accepted.

2. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

(as circulated before the meeting)

Following his election as chairman of the meeting and the formal opening of the meeting, NS presents the president's annual report.

The report was presented, as written and circulated, with following modifications and additions:

- NS thanks Nautivela and Zaoli for supporting the ISAF Youth Worlds. Upon their request, Nautivela takes the floor to say a few words about the logistics part of the partnership and the link with the selection of class event dates.

- The 2015 edition of the ISAF Youth Worlds will take place in Malaysia (December 2015) and the 2016 edition in Oman (December 2016 – January 2017). For both venues the International 420 is selected for the boy's two person dinghy and girl's two person dinghy events.

- NS proposes to have a short discussion about the race format under trial during the coach and team leader meeting on the 29th of July. The General Assembly already puts forward decision parameters such as venue-characteristics (prevailing wind conditions,...) and the time gap between the worlds/europeans and the junior europeans

3. REPORT ON THE CLASS DEVELOPMENT 2012 – 2013

(as circulated before the meeting)

JM, who is responsible for class development, presents his report as written and circulated.

4. CLASS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013 - 2014

(as circulated before the meeting)

JM, who is responsible for class development, presents the plan as written and circulated. Subsequently, Nikos Drougkas gives a presentation on the "online book of exercises" and "420 to the max". At the end of the class development presentations, NS thanks JM for all those years of voluntary input and friendship. Awards on behalf of the Class and on behalf of all coaches and sailors present at the 2013 Worlds are handed over to JM.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(as circulated before the meeting)

DD presents the 2013 Technical Committee report as written and circulated.

Following the presentation, members ask several questions:

5.1 / GRE

The request is lodged whether it would be possible to publish the inspection sequence earlier, for example ½ month in advance.

DD mentions that a publication ½ before the actual inspections is not realistic, but an option might be to gather information about the arrival days of the different teams (i.e. when a complete team of a certain country is present at the venue). The current standard, which contains the drawing of the country to start with and a subsequent alphabetical listing is kept until further notice. The event chief measurers will continue to implement small modifications of the sequence to keep teams together (for example at lunch breaks), as considered necessary.

5.2 / USA

USA would like to know whether or not a request for change is more quickly implemented if more countries support it simultaneously. DD explains that there is no difference, as a certain inflexibility is brought into the system by the voting process at the General Assembly.

5.3 / JPN

JPN asks whether the idea of a barber hauler / jib fairlead moving inboard could be investigated further into detail. DD explains that in 2012 a proposal within this regard was denied, but that in case the executive committee decides to make a test, this can be done without formal approval of the General Assembly.

6. PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

(as circulated before the meeting)

CD presents the accounts as circulated. Special attention is given to the decisions made in times of economical crisis and to the currently healthy situation of the Class accounts. She informs the General Assembly that Patricia Ravetllat (ESP), the auditor elected at the 2012 General Assembly is no longer involved in the Spanish 420 Class Association and is not able to attend the 2013 General Assembly.

Luciano Crocetti (ITA) accepted the role of substitute auditor. The substitute auditor confirms that the accounts were in order.

The acceptance of the accounts is put to vote: 16 votes in favour – accounts accepted.

7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

Following his assistance as substitute auditor, Luciano Crocetti (ITA) is requested to stand for election as auditor for the next financial year. He accepts and the General Assembly votes as follows: 16 in favour .

8. APPROVAL OF NEXT YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION FEES

NS proposes to maintain the € 15 annual subscription fee.

The proposals is put to vote: 16 in favour.

9. PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nil

10. PROPOSALS FROM THE MEMBERS

Nil

11. TO AGREE THE VENUES OF THE INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2014, AND CONFIRM THE VENUES AND DATES FOR THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2013

(as published at www.420sailing.org)

11.1 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

(a) 2014 World Championships, Travemünde, GER

The event dates are listed as 25/7 – 3/8 (important point of attention as previously they were shown as 27/7 – 3/8). A delegate from the host gives a short presentation and answers the questions of the General Assembly.

(b) 2014 Junior European Championship, Gdynia, POL

NS presents the slides of the host.

11.2 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

(a) 2015 Junior European Championship

For the 2015 Junior European Championship the International 470 Class Association leads the selection of the venue. Burgas, BUL, has been selected as the venue. A delegate of the host is invited to present the venue and the event particulars. Special attention is given to the transport connections. The airport is ok and there is a highway connection from Sofia (3h). Use of trains is not advised.

After presentation it is put to vote: 16 in favour

Decision: the 2015 Junior European Championships will be held in Burgas, BUL

(b) 2015 World Championships

For the 2015 World Championships there is one bid, from JPN.

Delegates of the candidate host present the venue and the event particulars. They present their all inclusive concept, with the availability of charter boats and charter RIBs available at the venue.

Additional information:

- in Japan holiday school period starts at 20 July;
- estimated daily cost rental car: 45 € / day;
- hotel accommodation starts at 40€ / night for single rooms in business hotels. Other accommodation available includes inns and hotels.
- the candidate host confirms that it might be necessary that they make a pre-booking for a block of rooms in one or more accommodations
- for those who want to ship their equipment to Japan, the nearest container port is Fukuoka (about 50 km from Karatsu). It is however important to keep in mind high handling charge and non-negligible import/export fees, although a carnet (merchandise passport) would reduce these costs.

The proposal is put to vote: 16 in favour

Decision: the 2015 World Championships will be held in Karatsu, JPN

12. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For the election of the President and Vice-President, the chair is passed to José Massapina.

A proposal letter, dated 25th of April 2013, has been received from the Israel Yachting Association for Nino Shmueli for the position of President.

A proposal letter, dated 23rd of March 2013, has been received from the Spanish 420 Class Association for Joaquim Malhão for the position of Vice-President.

JM presents the proposals and mentions the support of the EC for both proposals. Both proposals were separately put to vote: each of them receives 16 votes in favour

13. ELECTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A proposal letter, dated 27th of April 2013, has been received from the Spanish 420 Class Association for Teresa Rios Sanchez for the position of member.

A proposal letter, dated 27th of May 2013, has been received from the Australian 420 Class Association for Barry Johnson for the position of member.

JM presents the proposals and mentions that the EC supports both proposals, despite the fact that the proposal for Barry Johnson was received after the deadline stated in the constitution. DD advocates mitigating circumstances linked to the change of the board of the Australian 420 Class Association.

The General Assembly accepts to consider the proposal for Barry Johnson with 16 votes in favour.

The proposals are separately put to vote: 16 in favour.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 USA: declaration of intention to submit candidacy to host the Worlds in 2016 - 2017

USA declares that it is currently investigating the possibilities they have to host the Worlds in December 2016 – January 2017.

Several options are currently selected:

- Biscane Bay
- Key West

The candidate host is currently investigating whether the North American championship and the Worlds would both be held at one of these venues, each venue one event or the North American Championship replaced with the World.

NS brings to the attention the fact that the ISAF Youth Worlds might fall into the same period that year.

14.2 ESP: declaration of intention to submit candidacy to host the Junior Europeans in 2016

ESP declares that Valencia will bid at the next General Assembly to host the 2016 Combined Junior Europeans.

There being no further business the general assembly is closed at 20h25 local time.