

# INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

# MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017 held in Athens, GRE on 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2017

**PRESENT:** *MEMBERS* eligible to vote:

AUS Rupert Henry
IND Gautama Dutta
CRO Karlo Krpeljevic
BUL Kamen Fillyov
CZE Martin Vlach
FRA Philippe Boudgourd

GBR Jonathan McGovern
GER Jochen Borscht
GRE Makarios Neoklaras

ISR Daniel Dekel
ITA Leonardo Zaggia
JPN Yumiko Shige
INA Dyan Puspito Rini
POR ManuelKen Itami Gamito

SUI Lisa Schnyder TUR Munifcan Ginay

URU Manuel Ken Itami Gamito

USA Larry Law CAN Larry Law

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Nino ShmueliPresidentNSJose MassapinaVice-PresidentJMJackie TaylorTreasurerJTDimitris DimouTC chairmanDDFulvia ErcoliSecretaryFE

APOLOGIES: Nil

ABSENT: MEMBERS eligible to vote:

**RSA** 

# **DOCUMENTS** (circulated before the meeting):

- Agenda
- 2017 annual report of the president
- 2017 Promotional and development annual report incl. 2017 / 2018 promotional and development plan
- 2017 Technical Committee Report
- Annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

#### **WELCOME**

NS welcomed the voting members & observers to the general assembly and opens the meeting at 17h45 local time.

#### 1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

NS informs the attendees that 19 of the 38 members, eligible to vote, are present and that, taking into account the 2011 Constitution, there is a valid quorum (1/3)

The proposal to elect NS as Chairman of the meeting is unanimously accepted.

#### 1.1 ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

The proposal to elect FE as Secretary of the meeting is unanimously 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, as written and circulated

# 3. REPORT ON THE CLASS DEVELOPMENT 2016 - 2017

(as circulated before the meeting)

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

Rupert Henry (AUS) states that in Australia there is a strong competition with 29er. This could be an obstacle to the development of 420 class in that country.

JM stated that the I420 is not competing with the 29er, we have to run in parallel with them, going on with our own development program.

#### 4. CLASS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017 - 2018

(as circulated before the meeting)

JM, who is responsible for class development, presented the plan as written and circulated.

Vilamoura (POR) will host the 420 Sailing Academy with the endorsement of I420CA.

#### 5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(as circulated before the meeting)

5.1 Proposal for changes to Class Rules

Full amended Class Rules 2017 were circulated before the meeting

A summary of the changes are as follows:

- **5.1.1.** Maintenance and modifications sections for hull, appendages and rig in C.7, C.8 and C.9
- **5.1.2** Option for a 2:1 mainsail halyard (F.2.4.2) because the 1:1 rope halyard stretches considerably.

- **5.1.3** Removal of the white colour limitation for the mainsail and jib (G.3.2 and G.4.1)
- **5.1.4** Control of the mainsail batten lengths, in case a sailmaker installs batten pockets with front end opening.
- **5.1.5** Other minor amendments to correct text and missing items eg the centreboard pin in D.4.2.2).

DD presented the 2017 Technical Committee report as written and circulated

Following additions are noted:

Mexican Builder, 3<sup>rd</sup> Builder in Japan, Faccenda's new hull.

All the Rules stated above (5.1.1-5.1.5) will not be changed for the JEC (Riva del Garda) but will be submitted to World Sailing in order to be in force before the 2017 WC Freemantle (AUS)

A vote to accept the rule amendments was done in one block:

In favour: 19

Against: 0

Abst: 0

6. PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS (as circulated before the meeting)

JT presented the accounts and explained any variances from the previous year. The auditor, Daniel Dekel (ISR) has reviewed the accounts and confirmed that everything is OK. The members unanimously approved the 2016 Annual Accounts.

#### 7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

The members unanimously approved Daniel Dekel (ISR) as auditor for the next financial year.

#### 8. PROPOSAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IF ANY

**8.1**. Proposal to register the international 420 Class Association as an Association in accordance with Swiss law domicilied in Switzerland. NS explained the reasons for the registration in Switzerland and invited any questions relating to the proposal. None arose.

Vote in favour or new registration: 19

Abst: 0

Against: 0

Approval of the new constitution:

Vote in favour: 19

Abst: 0 Against: 0

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# 9. PROPOSALS FROM THE MEMBERS, IF ANY

**9.1** No proposals were received from members

# 10. TO AGREE THE VENUES OF THE INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2019, AND CONFIRM THE VENUES AND DATES FOR THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2018

(as published at www.420sailing.org)

(a) 2017 World Championship Freemantle (AUS)

Rupert Henry explained the status of preparations Freemantle. He asked for an indication of the countries who were to send a team which was very encouraging.

(b) 2018 Junior European Championships 420 & 470

Antonio Castronunes presented the venue of Sesimbra, Portugal, that will host the 2018 Junior European Championships.

(c) 2018 World Championships, Newport, USA

Larry Law presented the venue of next year's World Championships and status of the preparations.

- (d) NS explained that the WTR will be held in Campione del Garda at the end of August. Some years ago we removed TR from the WC as requested. Now we have a separate event in a wonderful location, unfortunately we have few entries and if we do not have 7-8 teams before the end of July, we will cancel the event.
- (e) 2019 World Championship bids

NS explained that we received 2 bids in due time: one from Vilamoura (POR) and the other one from Portoroz (SLO).

Fulvia Ercoli presented the candidacy of Portoroz (SLO)

Manuel Ken Gamito presented the candidacy of Villamoura (POR)

Votes for Vilamoura: 11

Votes for Portoroz: 8

Villamoura will organize the 2019 World Championship. Thanks were given to Portoroz for their interest in hosting an event and it is hoped that they will be able to bid for a further championship.

#### 11. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE E.C.

NS explained that according with the new constitution we have to vote to confirm that the full EC will continue for the next 4 years:

Vote in favour: 19

Abst: 0 Against: 0

Nino Shmueli (President), Jose Massapina (Vice President), Fulvia Ercoli (Secretary), Jackie Taylor (Treasurer) and Dimitris Dimou (Technical Committee Chairman) are duly elected.

# 12. ELECTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NS explained that according to the new constitution we have to vote for the renewal of the Technical Committee for the next 2 years:

Vote in favour: 19

Abst: 0 Against: 0

Jurgen Clutymans, Alexander FinsterBusch, Joerg-Hendrik Lorenz and Teresa Rios-Sanchez are duly elected as members of the Technical Committee

#### 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There are no other business, GA is closed at 19h45 local time.