

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY 25 JULY 2004, ZADAR, CROATIA

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

MINUTES

The International 420 Class President, Nino SHMUELI welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked the Sailing Club Uskok for hosting the event and the meeting. The event was going well and the class were being made most welcome.

He reminded all attending that each member nation who had paid the Annual Class fee before 1st April 2004 would be able to vote. Other members were welcome to make comments. Observers may not comment unless invited.

All members were handed a folder with all necessary [papers for the meeting](#).

The General Secretary of the class confirmed who was attending and how many votes were in the room.

BEL*	JANNSENS, Ferdinand	Vice President
CRO	PETESIC, Tonko	Official Representative
ESP*	CHACHO HERRIAS	Official Representative
FRA*	HERPIN, Fiedric	Official Representative
GBR*	MARSDEN, Howard	Vice President
GER*	SCHWARZER, Michael	President
GRE*	DIMOU, Dimitris	Official Representative
HUN*	VARADI, Julianna	Official Representative
IRL*	TAIT, John	President
ISR*	AMIR, Gili	Official Representative
ITA*	LAI, Marco	Class Secretary
NED*	VAN WERFF, Berita	President
POL	MALACHOWSKI, Konrad	Class Secretary
POR*	MASSAPINA, Jose	President
SUI	BRAUCHLI, Yannick	President
TUR*	AKDAG, Okan	Official Representative
USA	LAW, Larry	President
GER	LORENZ, Joerg	Observer
BEL	PEETERS, Jan	Observer

13 voting members. 17 nations in attendance.

ARG, AUT, CZE were at the championship but did not attend.

IND, JPN, MYA SWE were not at the championship but paid the annual fee before 1st April 2004.

Also present were representatives from the clubs making presentations for future events, from Riva del Garda and Gran Canaria.

Moving to the agenda, as set out in the Articles of Association;

1. Election of the Chairman of the meeting.

The President asked for a proposal. GER proposed Nino Shmueli.

This was agreed by all.

2. Report from the President.

The President had prepared his report and each member had a copy. He read it to the meeting.

A presentation was made to MICHEL GARNIER, of a half model of the 420, as he was retiring from the Executive Committee. He has served on the committee from 1996. He was President from 1998 until 2003 and has worked for the class and made many improvements. Thank you, Michel.

3. Report from the Technical Committee

Jean Luc Hottot read his report, which was included in the papers.

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He also reported that he and Barry Johnson of the Technical Committee met in Athens in April, with Dimitris Dimou and carried out a fundamental measurement of a hull. A formal procedure for this will now be produced which will give much greater uniformity to this job in the future and ensure consistency of production from our builders.

4. Information from ISAF

The General Secretary gave a brief report on the matters that are of particular concern to the class.

- i) The selection of the 420 as the double handed boat at the ISAF Youth Worlds is a continuing concern and we need to constantly lobby nations and officials to help us in this. Although a large number of nations support us, other classes have very strong influences that we must always be countering. Nino Shmueli was at the 2004 ISAF Youths in Poland and spoke to many people. This is a very big job we do each year at the ISAF annual meeting.
- ii) We have also been discussing the problem of the date of the ISAF championship and our championships. We will try to get them to change to the FIRST Thursday in July. We are not allowed by ISAF to have our championships during the same dates as theirs.
- iii) There is continuing discussion, from last year, about very young sailors competing in world events and the pressure this could put them under. A Working Party, led by the President of the Optimist Class, Helen Mary Wilkes was set up and we made a report to her. We are waiting comment. It will be discussed further at the 2004 annual meeting.
- iv) The other matter that we also work for is our World Championship title events. Again, ISAF are trying to control this. Our class should have no problems but it is not that simple. We will continue to defend our position.

Information on any ISAF matter or discussion can be found on the [ISAF web pages](#).

5. Presentation and acceptance of the Annual Accounts.

Catherine Dodds presented the accounts 1st January to 31 December 2003. Having taken over this post at the 2003 GA, she has put in a great deal of work and time to fully understand the position.

Copies of the accounts were in the meeting papers.

For 2003, World Championship entry fees for 2003, Hayling Island and 2004 Melbourne, are included. The fees due to ISAF for boats built have yet to be paid, for the past two years. The ISAF boat fee has been increased.

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6. Election of Auditor for the next financial year

FRA offered to provide an auditor to audit the accounts of 2004, before the GA of 2005, at the World Championships to be held in Brest.

This was accepted.

7. Approval of next year's subscription fee.

The Treasurer proposed that the class annual subscription remain at

15 Euro per nation.

This was accepted unanimously.

The Treasurer reminded all members that to have a vote at the General Assembly for 2005, the class annual fee must be paid up to date and before 1st April 2005. She will accept advance payment for a number of years.

Thank you to Catherine for all the work she has done on the accounts.

8. To agree the venue for the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships 2 years ahead and confirm the venues and dates for these championships 1 year ahead.

The table showing the proposals has been circulated.

2005 World and Ladies Championship was confirmed as

BREST, FRANCE. 27 July – 5 August 2005. The preliminary Notice of Race is on the class website and details of the event were distributed during the World Championships in Melbourne.

The event has the full support of the town and the French Sailing Federation

www.srbrest.com

2005 Junior European Championship club was confirmed as

Riva del Garda, ITALY. 11 August – 18 August 2005. The representative of the club was at the meeting and details were handed to delegates.

www.fragliavelariva.it

2006 World and Ladies Championship

A presentation was given to the meeting by representatives from

Real Club Nautico de GRAN CANARIA, SPAIN

A vote on this venue was taken. It was agreed by all representatives to confirm this venue on our calendar.

2006 Junior European Championship.

Three proposals had been given to the meeting for this event.

GRE had made a proposal but no details have yet been received.

GER presented details for a joint 420 and 470 junior event at

POR made a presentation for a joint 420 and 470 junior event at Tavira.

Both venues are good for such an event. It was put to the vote.

8 votes for Tavira, PORTUGAL

4 votes for Germany.

Portugal will be placed on the venue calendar.

Germany was asked to look at another year if possible.

2007 Championships

The USA has made an initial proposal to host the World and Ladies Championship in San Diego. The ISAF Youth Worlds will be held here and it may be possible to follow on from this event and use the same charter boats.

They were requested to bring more details, if progress is made, to the meeting next year. Meanwhile, discussions will continue with the Executive Committee.

The representative of Hungary made a presentation as the club on Lake Balaton would like to host the 2007 Junior Europeans. This proposal will be put on the venue calendar.

At this point in the meeting, a short break was made to eat the birthday cake presented by the Uskok Sailing Club to Gail Nuttall!

When the meeting re-started the representatives from GBR and IRL did not return, leaving 11 voting members.

9. Election of members of the Executive Committee

Details of which members were due for election had been circulated with the meeting papers. Information of proposals had also been circulated.

Vice President. A proposal had been received from PORTUGAL for Jose MASSAPINA. He introduced himself to the meeting and gave a brief resume of his sailing career and his thoughts for the future of the International 420 Class. His proposal was supported by the Executive Committee. A vote was taken

He was accepted by all voting members. 11

Nino welcomed him to the Executive Committee.

Under the Articles of Association the position of General Secretary and Treasurer must be elected in even years.

Gail Nuttall and Catherine Dodds were proposed by GBR.

A vote was taken.

Both were re-elected by all voting members.11

At this point, Michel Garnier reminded the Chairman that the position of Chairman of the Technical Committee is under the Executive Committee. This was agreed. In even years this post is due for election.

Jean Luc Hottot, the present Chairman had been proposed by the FRA.

A vote was taken.

He was re-elected. 9 for, 2 abstentions.

10. Election of members of the Technical committee

Only one member was due for election this year. Don O'Donnell (GBR). He had been proposed by GBR

A vote was taken

He was re-elected by all voting members. 11

Under the Articles of Association, the Technical Committee may have up to 5 members. In recent years, only 3 people have worked.

GRE duly proposed Dimitris DIMOU as a member. Dimitris introduced himself to the meeting and gave information on his measurement experience.

A vote was taken.

He was duly elected to the Technical Committee by all voting members. 11

FRA duly proposed Michel GARNIER, who is well known to the class. He has already been working with the class rules when President and Vice President.

A vote was taken.

He was duly elected. 6 for, 1 against 3 abstentions.

(2 further voting members had left the meeting by this time)

11. Class Development Plan

Michel Garnier, had produced a plan to promote development of the class as requested by the Executive Committee. This document had been previously circulated. The chairman asked Michel to present it to the meeting. Michel gave a summary of the paper

He explained the need to promote the class in a more active way than in the past. More and more boats were being promoted for youth sailing and we need to keep the International 420 as the best boat for this purpose.

All the reasons and thoughts on how we can do this are set out in the paper. The Executive Committee all support the plan to encourage more sailors, both from the Optimist, Cadet and other youth classes to move up to the 420 before the 470. We also need to help nations with small numbers of 420 sailors to grow.

The USA representative expressed a view that some sailors still find the 420 difficult to handle when a sailor moves out of the Optimist but other countries, such as GER said that they are trying to resist further boats to reduce competition for the 420 as well as complicating the sailors progression. He also suggested that we could ask 420 builders to help with development by offering boats to top young sailors, about to leave the Optimist etc to try at one of our events.

The Chairman said that we may need to have an informal meeting on development, as a number of nations could have helpful ideas.

The meeting was asked to vote on the development plan to support the aims.

A vote was taken.

It was agreed by all voting members still present. 9

12. Proposals from the Executive Committee

The proposals had been circulated.

i) Articles of Association

The proposed changes to the Articles of Association were presented by Michel Garnier.

A vote was taken.

These were agreed. 9 votes.

ii) ISAF Events Regulation 17

This proposal had been circulated. Nino Shmueli explained that, as a class, we need to try to change the date set for the ISAF Youth worlds start date, from the 2nd Thursday in July, back to the 1st Thursday.

The purpose of this is to allow more time during the school holiday period for all events.

A vote was taken.

This proposal was agreed. 9 votes.

iii) Rule 42

This proposal had been circulated. Nino Shmueli explained that we wished to bring in this rule, as many other classes have and ISAF recommend. Discussion with coaches during the worlds 2003 in Hayling Island and 2004 in Melbourne agreed that 13 knots was the right wind speed for our class.

A vote was taken.

This was agreed. 9 votes.

iv) Sail Buttons

This proposal had been circulated. Nino Shmueli explained the need for this proposal and the link with the Class Development Plan.

Michael Schwarzer (GER) proposed that the 2nd reason listed be removed.

This was put to the meeting but no seconder was found.

Berita Vanderwerff (NED) made the point that the sailors pay anyway. The Chairman pointed out that we do not charge each sailor to be a member of the International Class as many classes do and on the overall cost of a suit of sails, the suggested amount of €10 per sail is not excessive.

A vote was taken.

This was agreed. 6 votes for, 3 against.

v) Amendments on Class Rules 2005

These proposals had been circulated. Jean Luc Hottot explained that all the proposals were necessary to make some corrections to the previous version as some mistakes had been found. No fundamental changes were being made. The class technical committee has been working very hard to have the class rules fully meeting the ISAF standard format.

A vote was taken.

These were agreed. 8 for, 1 abstention.

All these proposals will be sent to ISAF by 31 July. They will be put on the submissions list for the November meeting. If approval is gained here, the proposals come into force, 1st March 2005.

13. Proposal from members, submitted 3 months before the General Assembly date.

No proposals had been received by the Executive Committee for this General Assembly.

There being no further business, the Chairman, Nino Shmueli thanked all those who attended for their attendance and co-operation.

The meeting closed at 11.50pm

Thank you from us all to Sailing Cub Uskok for the use of their club for this meeting.