



## INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012 held in Neusiedl am See, AUT on 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2012

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

ARG	Andrea Mannini, ITA (proxy)
AUT	Christian Maetz
CZE	Simon Siedl
ESP	Pat Ravetllat
FRA	Philippe Boudgourd
GBR	Mike Butterworth
GER	Wolfgang Stückl
GRE	Nikos Drougas
ISR	Daniel Dekel
ITA	Luciano Crocetti
NED	Evert Jan van Garderen
SUI	Guillaume Rigot
TUR	Daniel Dekel, ISR (proxy)
USA	Steve Keen

*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:*

Nino Shmueli	<i>President</i>	NS
José Massapina	<i>Vice President</i>	JM
Catherine Dodds	<i>Treasurer</i>	CD
Jurgen Cluytmans	<i>Acting General Secretary</i>	JC

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Luissa Smith *Class Communications* LS  
Helmut Czasny-Bonomo *Event Organiser* HC

**APOLOGIES:** *MEMBERS eligible to vote:* Nil

*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:*

Dimitris Dimou	<i>TC chairman</i>	DD
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**ABSENT:** *MEMBERS eligible to vote:*

BRA, DEN, HKG, HUN, JPN, NZL, POL, SIN, SVK

*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:* Nil

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

- Agenda
- 2012 annual report of the president
- 2012 Promotional and development annual report + 2012 / 2013 promotional and development plan
- Consolidated annual account 2011
- 2012 Technical Committee Report
- Registration form member contact data
- Registration form measurers
- Submission form International 420 events 2013
- Member introduction information sheet

## **WELCOME**

NS & HC welcome the voting members & observers to the general assembly and NS opens the meeting at 17h15 local time.

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

JC informs the attendees that 14 of the 23 members, eligible to vote, are present and that, taking into account the 2011 Constitution, there is a valid quorum.

The proposal of JC to elect NS as chairman of the meeting is accepted with 14 votes in favour.

### **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 explains the different functions of the Executive Committee to the General Assembly. He also conveys the apologies of DD for not being able to attend as DD was already at the London 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

After welcoming LS to the General Assembly and thanking her for work and ongoing input, NS presents the president's annual report.

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

- the dates for the 2013 World Championships to be held in Valencia, ESP:  
replace "between 26.07 – 4.08.2013" with "between 22.07 – 31.07.2013"
- continental 420 championships:  
goal is to have a continental 420 championship in each continent
- race format existing of 12 races over 2 times 6 races and a spare day:  
the format is continuously evaluated
- development:  
30 boats were sent by Nautivela to JPN after the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.

### **3. REPORT ON THE CLASS DEVELOPMENT 2011 – 2012**

(as circulated before the meeting)

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

### **4. CLASS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2012 - 2013**

(as circulated before the meeting)

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

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

(as circulated before the meeting)

In the absence of DD, JC presents the 2012 Technical Committee report as written and circulated.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Nikos Drougas gives his report about the laminate sail as requested by the Technical Committee. CZE confirms the point of view as presented by Nikos with regard to the ratio between performance and cost. Andrea Mannini (Zaoli Sails) confirms an additional 6 months racing life span and a cost increase of about 20% (€ 600,- instead of € 500,-)

## CLASS RULES

For the 2 topics to be considered the voting is deferred to point 10 of the agenda.

### **6. PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

(as circulated before the meeting)

CD presents the accounts as circulated. She informs the General Assembly that Larry Law, the auditor elected at the 2011 General Assembly is not able to attend the 2012 General Assembly and that Patricia Ravetllat (ESP) accepted the role of substitute auditor. CD gives clear explanations to the General Assembly's questions about the transfers between the different class accounts. The substitute auditor confirms that the accounts were in order. The acceptance of the accounts is put to vote: 14 votes in favour – accounts accepted.

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

Following her assistance as substitute auditor, Patricia Ravetllat (ESP) is requested to stand for election as auditor for the next financial year. She accepts and the General Assembly votes as follows: 14 in favour .

### **8. APPROVAL OF NEXT YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION FEES**

NS proposes to maintain the € 15,- annual subscription fee and to fix and pay for 5 years at once. The proposals are jointly put to vote: 14 in favour.

### **9. PRESENTATION OF THE NEW WEBSITE AND CLASS COMMUNICATION POLICY**

LS presents a summary of actions done so far with regard to the new website and recognises together with CD the problems that occurred with the online entry system.

She also explains the use of the forms in the general assembly document folder.

LS asks the members present to think about a slogan for the class. The General Assembly proposes to organise this through a website or facebook competition in which the sailors can participate.

In order to publish event information in an appropriate way, LS asks the members to provide each time the longitude and latitude coordinates of the event venue.

### **10. PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **10.1 Class rule changes**

The proposal to add battens on the jib leech in principle, with final numbers to be decided within the next couple of months, is put to vote:

12 in favour / 2 against / 0 abstentions

The request for authorisation of experiments to modify the sheeting angle by moving the fairlead position inboard is put to vote:

0 in favour / 13 against / 1 abstention

### **11. PROPOSALS FROM THE MEMBERS**

No proposals were received from members

**12. 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](http://www.420sailing.org))

**12.1 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013**

**(a) 2013 World Championships, Valencia, ESP**

NS will ask the organiser to move the dates to “22.07 – 31.07.2013”

**(b) 2013 Junior European Championship, Pwllheli, GBR**

The venue and dates for this event are confirmed.

**12.2 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

**(a) 2014 Junior European Championship**

For the 2014 Junior European Championship there is only 1 bid from POL.

Upon invitation of NS, delegates from POL present the venue and the event concept.

The bid is put to vote for agreement: 14 in favour

>> the 2014 edition will be held in Gdynia, POL

**(b) 2014 World Championships**

For the 2014 World Championships there are 3 bids, from respectively RUS, ITA and GER. JM presents the bid of RUS, in their absence and as one of the last seminars was organised at the same venue. The bids of ITA and GER are presented by their respective delegates attending the General Assembly.

The bids are jointly put to vote for agreement of the 2014 venue:

RUS: 0

ITA: 5 votes in favour

GER: 9 votes in favour

>> the 2014 edition will be held in Travemünde, GER

**13. ELECTION OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A proposal letter, dated 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2012, has been received from the Belgian 420 Class Association for Jurgen Cluytmans for the position of General Secretary.

A proposal letter, dated 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2012, has been received from the British 420 Class Association for Catherine Dodds for the position of Treasurer.

NS presents the proposals and mentions the support of the EC for both proposals.

Both proposals were jointly put to vote: 14 in favour

**14. ELECTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**

A proposal letter, dated 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2012, has been received from the Greek 420 Class Association for Dimitris Dimou for the position of chairman.

A proposal letter, dated 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2012, has been received from the Argentinean 420 Class Association for Alexander Finsterbusch for the position of member.

A proposal letter, dated 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, has been received from the German 420 Class Association for Joerg-Hendrik Lorenz for the position of member.

NS presents the proposals and mentions that the EC supports all 3 proposals, despite the fact that the proposal for Joerg-Hendrik Lorenz was received after the deadline stated in the constitution.

The General Assembly accepts to consider the proposal for Joerg-Hendrik Lorenz

All proposals are jointly put to vote: 14 in favour.

## **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **15.1 GRE / Coach fees**

GRE addresses the issue about the increase of the coach fee for the 2012 World Championships outside the constitution.

They propose to include it in the event contract and to have it presented (as contractually binding information) with the bid.

### **15.2 USA / Race format**

USA proposes to publish the bids beforehand on the class website, allowing the NCAs to have a national consultation before sending their delegates to the General Assembly to vote. This to avoid that delegates have to decide without the ability of taking their NCA's point of view into account.

### **15.3 CZE / Team Race World Championship**

CZE would like to know whether or not new attempts will be done to have a team race world championship again. NS explains that the class tries very hard to have this event yearly at a venue accessible at a reasonable cost with 12 boats provided through the organiser. QAT stepped out due to the ISAF Sailing World Cup, but now they also stepped out of that event. Members are invited to provide proposals for potential venues. CZE considers looking at the feasibility to host the event. NS invites them to eventually send a proposal once feasibility has been evaluated.

ITA asks why the class does not go back to the 'original' Mouvet Trophy (1 day team race world championship on the spare day of the fleet racing world championships). The separation of fleet racing and team racing world championships was requested earlier by team leaders / delegates due to the damage risk.

USA proposes to remove the spare day and to consider 2 measurement days instead of 3 days. This way a team race could be organised at the end for the teams interested.

### **15.4 FRA / EUROSAF EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

FRA would like to know the EC point of view with regard to the Eurosaf European Youth Championships, to be held from 4 till 10 August in Aarhus, DEN. NS explains that the class does not support the event. This year the Eurosaf event has 8 participants in the International 420 Class (5 men teams & 3 women teams), who are considered not to be representative for the class. Also in other classes there is a lack of entries. The class will not say "no" to this event, but will propose to move the event – as an alternative – to Easter.

There being no further business the general assembly is closed at 20h00 local time