



## INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 Sala Polivalente Lungomare Colombo 76 Santo Stefano al Mare ( Sanremo) Italy on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

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

AUT	Simon Dekleva
CRO	Karlo Krepeljac
FRA	Xavier Brotschi
ESP	Bruno Gago
GBR	Simon Cook
GER	Uwe Buescher
GRE	Dimitris Psomiadis
HUN	Balasz Gyapjas
ITA	Alice Busetti
IRL	David Mc Dowell
ISR	Nino Shmueli
POR	Carolina Simonet
POL	Marcin Jozefowski
SVK	Proxy HUN
SUI	Malin Karlsson
TUR	Onuk Karasu
USA	Michael Rudnick

**Total: 17 country  
representatives**

Observers  
Alberto Portiglia  
Pedro Rodrigues

***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:***

Nino Shmueli	<i>President</i>	NS
Jose Massapina	<i>Vice-President</i>	JM
Fulvia Ercoli	<i>Secretary</i>	
Dimitris Dimou	<i>Technical Committee</i>	FE
<b><i>ABSENT:</i></b>		DD
Jackie Taylor	Treasurer	

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

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

- Agenda
- 2021 Annual Report of the President
- 2020/2021 Promotional and Development Annual Report
- 2022 promotional and development plan
- 2021 Technical Committee Report
- Annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 and finance report

## **WELCOME**

The meeting was opened at 17.30 (Local Time)

NS welcomed the voting members & observers to the General Assembly. He thanked Yacht Club Sanremo for helping to arrange the venue for the GA and thanked everyone because this is the last GA he will be attending as President.

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

NS stated that there are 17 of the 29 country class members eligible to vote in attendance and hence the meeting has a valid quorum according to the Class Constitution (more than 1/3 of the members present).

The floor proposed NS as the Chairman of the meeting.

**Decision: The proposal to elect NS as Chairman of the meeting was unanimously accepted.**

**In favour: 17, Against: 0, Abstain: 0.**

### **2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

(as circulated before the meeting)

Following his election as Chairman of the meeting and the formal opening of the meeting, NS presented the President's annual report, as circulated and attached to the minutes.

### **3. CLASS DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2020 – 2021**

(as circulated before the meeting)

JM, who is responsible for class development, presented the development report as attached to these minutes. Due to the COVID Pandemic it was the shortest report ever.

### **4. CLASS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 - 2022**

(as circulated before the meeting)

JM, presented the development plan as attached to these minutes.

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

(as circulated before the meeting)

DD presented the TC report as attached to these minutes.

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

JT (Treasurer) was not present at the GA due to Covid travel restrictions in the UK. In her absence, Michael Rudnick (MR), the Auditor for the Class, presented the 2020 Accounts and explained any variances from the previous year. MR reviewed the accounts in advance and approved them.

**Decision: The meeting unanimously approved the 2020 Annual Accounts.**

**In favour: 17, Against: 0, Abstain: 0.**

## 7. APPROVAL OF NEXT YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION FEE

It was confirmed that this would remain unchanged at 100 € for 5 years

**Decision: The meeting unanimously approved  
In favour: 17, Against: 0, Abstain: 0.**

## 8. PROPOSAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- General Amendments to the Class Rules as proposed by the Technical Committee were read and displayed on the screen.
- Specific items were discussed and voted on separately:

- Use of personal flotation devices when afloat

**In favour: 17, Against: 0, Abstain: 0.**

- Use of Spinnaker numbers at National events

**In favour: 17, Against: 0, Abstain: 0.**

- Spinnaker pole materials

**Against: 14, Abstain 3, in favour 0**

## 9. PROPOSALS FOR HOSTING 420 CLASS WORLDS AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2022 AND 2023

### 1.1. 2022 Worlds

1.1.1. Porto (Portugal) **Withdrawn**

1.1.2. St. Petersburg (Russia) **Withdrawn**

1.1.3. Alexandroupolis (Greece) **Withdrawn**

1.1.4. Urla (Turkey) **Withdrawn**

1.1.5. Balaton (Hungary)

Balazs Gyapjas presented the bid for Lake Balaton

### 1.2. 2023 Worlds

1.2.1. Balaton (Hungary) **Withdrawn**

1.2.2. Alexandroupolis (Greece) **Withdrawn**

### **1.2.3. Urla (Turkey)**

Lara Suna presented the bid for Turkey.

### **1.3. 2022 Junior Europeans**

#### **1.3.1. Vilamoura (Portugal)**

#### **1.3.2. Alexandroupolis (Greece)                      Withdrawn**

Nuno Reis presented the bid for Vilamoura.

It was agreed that as there was only one bid per event the bids would be voted for together.

**Decision: The meeting unanimously approved the 3 Bids.**

**In favour: 17, Against: 0, Abstain: 0.**

The dates for the events will be agreed by the EC after consultation with the organizers.

## **10. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Nominations were received as follows:

President: Jose Massapina (Portugal)

Vice President: Dimitris Dimou (Greece)

Secretary: Fulvia Ercoli (Italy)

Treasurer: Jackie Taylor (Great Britain)

Chairman of the Technical Committee: Alex Finsterbusch (Argentina)

Being 5 candidates for 5 position the floor voted unanimously in favour of all the candidates.

As NS was standing down as President he gave a speech thanking everyone. He explained he has worked for the International 420 Class for more than 20 year and was pleased to leave the Class in very good health both financially and with the number of boats being sailed around the world.

JM, the new President, took the floor and thanked everyone for their support. He stated that he looked forward to working with his team going forward to ensure the future growth of the Class.

DD took the floor and also thanked everyone for their support. He stated that after 16 years as Technical Chairman, he looked forward to the challenge of his new role.

## **11. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Nominations received as follows:

Jurgen Cluytmans (Belgium)

Dimitris Dimou (Greece)

Bohdan Goralski (Poland)

Teresa Rios (Spain)

Being 5 candidates for 5 position the floor voted unanimously in favour

## **12. ELECTION OF THE AUDITOR FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR**

Michael Rudnick agreed to continue as auditor for another year. This was unanimously agreed.

### 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Vitebsky (UKR) suggested moving the Coaches and Sailors Clinic 2021 from Belarus to the Ukraine due to the unstable political situation in that Country. JM replied that the EC will monitor the situation.

Signed by:

President  
Jose Massapina

General Secretary  
Fulvia Ercoli

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