

Club 420 Association  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 21, 2010

Location: Telephonic

John Barbano called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 pm EST.

Attendees:

John Barbano	Steve Perry
Steve Bowman	Cindy Roessler
Ian Bruce	Bill Scheuermann
Jennifer Draheim	Stacy Silvestri
Bub Kovacs	Chris Sousa
John Lambert	Kathleen Tell
Chuck Lamphere	Rob Williams
Ed Liberty	

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the July 2010 Annual General Membership: Motion to approve by John Lambert, seconded by Jennifer Draheim. Unanimously approved.

Minutes of the August 23, 2010 Board Meeting: Motion to approve by John Lambert seconded by Jennifer Draheim seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report, Chuck Lamphere**

The Association has a healthy balance despite a small cash deficit attributable to declines in member dues, regatta fees and royalties. John Lambert will write to North Sails' Larry McDonald to inquire about royalties due from sails.

Subcommittees are asked to provide budgeting guidelines to Chuck promptly. He will prepare a budget before year end.

**Status of 501 (c) (3) Application, Rob Williams**

Our application was filed today and we will likely hear back from the IRS in 4 to 5 weeks with a final IRS decision sometime after that.

**Builders' Manual, Chris Sousa**

LP has completed its measurements, drawings and annotations and has constructed a jig with which to measure the other manufacturers' boats. Steve and Ian will provide Zim and PS2000 boats for jig measurements. Jig measurement is critical for things like location of the mast step and shroud placement. Chris, Ian and Steve have re-written the Builders' Specifications to

resolve conflicts and gaps in the old specifications. Current goal is for final prints and builder specs to be ready for Board's review in January.

### **Class Measurement and Inspection at Regattas**

After full discussion, the Board concluded that:

- 1) John Lambert will update the C420 Inspection List.
- 2) Weight restriction and rigging rules will be enforced by random weighing and walk-throughs. Boat weights will not be disclosed; weighing will be pass/fail only.
- 3) The C420 Association will try to provide the personnel for walk-throughs to assure consistency and avoid over-burdening our hosts.

### **Class Logo, John Lambert**

Ian Bruce and reps from the other manufacturers will examine possibility of enhancing the C420 logo. Kathleen Tell will be the Board liaison. They will report back to the Board by December 15.

### **Regatta Feedback**

Jennifer Draheim reported that the Gulf States Championship had been successful but fell short of its 20 boat goal. Improvement is needed in advertising and the availability of charter boats.

Steve Bowman noted that it is difficult for race hosts to police class membership, particularly since memberships sometimes expire and crews are frequently substituted mid-regatta.

Bub Kovacs urged consistency in the application of rigging rules application and suggested that we work to ensure that coaches are familiar with, and are teaching, the Class rules.

John Barbano reported that the majority of respondents to his North Americans survey preferred that gold and silver be divided in long regattas. They also liked making their own lunches with ingredients provided by the host.

### **Future Regattas, John Lambert**

11/5-11/7 - College Bowl, Jensen Beach

2/19-2/21 - Midwinters, Jensen Beach

7/16-7/18 - Nationals, Sheridan Shores Yacht Club

7/21-7/25 - North Americans, Buffalo Canoe Club

TBD - CJ Buckley Team Race (maybe between Buzzards and Hyannis)

2011 Mid-Atlantics - John will explore Tred Avon

2012 - Nationals likely in San Francisco; North Americans, likely in Marion/New Bedford area.

We will give further thought to adding regional championships for the mid-west, south, west and north-west regions of the US and Canada, mindful of Steve Bowman's observation that some west coast entities are planning regattas four years in advance. Further thought is also needed on social events for competitors, particularly at Mid-Winters and Nationals. John will provide

Chuck Lamphere with some budget guidance and Kathleen Tell will explore options and report back at the next meeting.

**Opti News Advertising** - no report

**College Bowl, John Lambert**

NOR and Registration are online. John Lambert encourages early registration to create momentum. Also proposes the we sponsor a second regatta at June 26-27 in the Newport area and a team race regatta in August in the Rhode Island. Will seek to avoid conflict with RI Team Race Showdown. Unanimous support for the College Bowl plan.

**Dinghy Collaboration**

Bub Kovacs proposed that the C420 Association work more closely with Laser and Opti classes in registration and scheduling. Ed Liberty will oversee conflict avoidance with I420 schedule and Bub with 420s. Further thought should be given to registration and how to ensure that sailors are current class members.

**High School Sailing**

General discussion about growth and challenges of high school sailing. LP has helped assemble high school teams and can assist in training coaches.

**Board Member Responsibilities, John Barbano**

- i. Calendars/Regattas - John Lambert
- ii. Website - Bill Scheuermann & John Barbano
- iii. One Design Class Focus - Ed Liberty & boat builders' reps
- iv. High School Sailing - Bub Kovacs
- v. Communications - Kathleen Tell
- vi. Administration - Cindy Roessler
- vii. Legal - Rob Williams, John Lambert & Kathleen Tell
- viii. Marketing, Class Focus & Expansion - Jennifer Draheim
- ix. Regional Clinics & Additional Canadian rep - tabled

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen Tell  
Secretary