

## Minutes Club 420 Association Minutes

February 13, 2024

Meeting called to order via Zoom at 7:37 PM EST

Attending:

Kyle Assad, Justin Assad, Rusty Deane, Dan Bornath, Greg Nourjian, Bahman Kia, John Morgan, Jeff Progelhoff, Tim Cornell, George Yioulos, Rob Simmons and Scott Norman

Absent:

Bub Kovacs, Molly Vandemoer, Rob Barbera, Joel Stone, Chris Hemans,, Alana Marks

### I. President's Opening Remarks

Kyle Assad opened the meeting with greetings and remarks including the highlights of class membership reaching the 1000 mark, the hosting of the biggest Midwinters regatta ever at 150 boats, which filled in 45 minutes, and the hosting of the inaugural C420 Team Race Midwinters. The C420 class is one of only two junior classes to have a team race event.

II. Kyle Assad called for approval of the October 30th, 2023 Board meeting minutes. Moved by Assad and seconded by Nourjian. Unanimous approval.

III. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cornell reported that the class financials are excellent, due in part to increased class membership and the timing of sail royalty revenue. Additional revenue from clinics, regional regattas and a conservative budget will further strengthen the class financials. The budget was reviewed and there were questions about the clinic finances and the differences between 2023 and 2024. Assad called for approval of the budget. Moved by Nourjian and seconded by Morgan. Unanimous approval.

IV. Executive Director and Development Director Reports: Scott reported on the progress of completing the 2024 summer events. Almost the whole schedule is complete except for some of the regional events. He reported that the first C420 Class Team Race midwinters had seven teams, the class hosted a clinic in Vero beach and Alana has been setting up coaches clinics for the summer. In addition, he and Alana attended NSPS and several positive connections and discussions occurred at the event. Kyle brought up the news that Steve Hunt has expressed interest in helping the class and referenced a video that Steve had produced to say as much. Greg Nourjian asked about whether or not there are established communications platforms for the sailors and whether or not the class had ever discussed a youth

committee or having a youth representative on the Board. Kyle and the rest of the Board supported the idea of having both a committee and youth representation and Kyle would investigate it further.

V. New Discussion Items:

- A. Coaches Committee: The proposal of the creation of a coaches committee was discussed. The committee would represent a cross section of the coaches so that both large and small teams would be represented as well as providing geographical/regional diversity. There may be 4-6 coaches on the committee that would meet quarterly. It was proposed that the coaches would need to be class members, possibly at a reduced membership rate. This committee would help to streamline questions, comments and complaints at events instead of all coaches and supporters taking their issue to the regatta management. Kyle asked for Board Members to volunteer help form the coaches committee. Rusty, Jeff and Justin volunteered.
- B. Coaches Code of Conduct: Due to several issues at C420 events as well as other class regattas, it was proposed that a Coaches Code of Conduct be created. Alana is researching how other classes have addressed this and the hope is to have a draft by the April Board meeting.
- C. Structured Regional Championship Rotation: Kyle reviewed the current logic of how regatta hosts are chosen from a regional perspective. Scott reviewed the proposed plan for 2025 and beyond that would rotate the events through the three main regions and how it would reduce the amount of travel between the events for the competitors. There was discussion about how clubs are chosen for events and whether or not there is a list of participating clubs that have served as a host or could be capable of hosting in the future. Kyle expressed interest in compiling a list of clubs that host C420 regattas and those clubs that use C420s in their junior programs. Kyle's project could be aided by asking US Sailing for their data as well as combining the data from Zim and Simmons too.
- D. Notes, Quotes and Anecdotes:
  1. Open Board Member Positions - Rusty asked about the status of replacing empty Board positions. Kyle said that no recent progress had been made but suggested that a committee be formed to restart that Board member search and interview process.
  2. LP Boat Measurement Status - Kyle reported that there is nothing new to report. Bahman provided the update that the boat has been built and should be in the US in March where it will be completed. After that it will be available for measurement.

VI. Kyle Assad called for a meeting adjournment. Moved by Nourjian and seconded by Morgan. Unanimous approval.