



CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes

September 22, 2019 at 8:00pm ET

By Teleconference

Attendees:

John Morgan, Dan Bornarth, Amy Jones, Bub Kovaks, Susan Bruce, Chris Hemans, Jeff Progelhof, Steve Perry, Diane Schmelz, Jenny Benson, Justin Assad, Katja Sertl, and Dillon Paiva. Bahman Kia and Rob Barbara joined partway through the call.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by John Morgan.

John Morgan welcomed the attendees and provided a high-level view of the state of the class.

Mr. Morgan then reminded the Board that they had the powers under Paragraph 5 of the Association Bylaws to appoint directors to unfilled seats. Mr. Morgan informed the Board of two applicants for unfilled seats and provided the background information on each. Mr. Morgan then asked for a motion that the BOARD APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF TWO DIRECTORS TO FILL OPEN SEATS for CANADA EAST (Region 7) – Rob Barbara and the CLASS BUILDER DIRECTOR - LaserPerformance – Bahman Kia. After motion duly proposed, seconded this motion was approved unanimously.

Ms Jones presented the class financials and they are as expected. The class is in good shape financially, on track to our break-even goal with an uptick in revenue from 2018. The only unexpected expenses related to legal expenses incurred by the class.

Mr. Morgan informed the Board that there had been no response to the Notice of Termination sent to Wake Enterprises. The Notice having been sent on October 9 was delivered and signed by the recipient. After motion duly proposed, seconded the Board approved the termination of the contract with Wake Marine (aka the KAON contract). A brief discussion ensued on what remedies the class and its membership may have. The Board asked the President to confer with our counsel to see if there was any remedy available.

Further Board discussion ensued on the class approach to having three builders supporting the class. It was generally agreed that 1. The class should continue to have 3 builders; 2. That there was no rush to fill the 3rd slot; 3. The class should have the new Builders Manual completed and clearly updated construction guidelines for the Builders prior to signing a new contract. It was also discussed that we should TRY to stay with the three original tools as the standards for the class but a new third tool could be manufactured based on the information and data from 3D measurements in August 2018. Mr. Morgan asked for volunteers to help align the class on approaching a 3rd builder – Mr. Bornarth, Mr. Kovacs and Mr. Hemans volunteering to spearhead the effort. Mr. Morgan was to respond to the McLaughlin request that there is an opportunity but not for the 2020 season.



Mr. Paiva then provided updated to the Board on a successful 2019 season with increased participation. He informed the Board that the 2020 schedule was incomplete and he was looking for venues for North American and Canadian championships. Some additional potential venues were suggested by Board members including Sail Maine and Rochester. Mr. Paiva suggested that we look at some improvements for the 2020 season these include the following

1. more consistent Class Rule enforcement – the discussion included whether we have full inspections of boats as other classes do. It was generally agreed that the “top boats” be given an on-water inspection by the ED after each race. The top boats to be determined on the size of the fleet.
2. A discussion ensued on the maximum age for the class being lowered, it was generally agreed that the minimum age not be changed
3. A discussion on the structure of the Triple Crown structure and events ensued as the existing format favored some regions and was unwieldy. It was proposed that the ED present options at the next Board meeting.

The Board considered a request from Steve Perry on boat changes – specifically the elimination of the keelson. It was the general consensus of the Board that we have had many small changes in the past year and that this should be put on hold until the finalization of the new Builders Manual.

Mr. Morgan informed the Board of a request from Ullman Sails to be considered an approved sailmaker for the class. Mr. Morgan had already responded to Ullman stating that at this time we were happy with North and did not intend to add additional sailmakers.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm