

Minutes Club 420 Association Minutes

October 30, 2023

Meeting called to order via Zoom at 7:35 PM EST

Attending:

Justin Assad, Rusty Dean, Dan Bornath, Bub Kovacs, Greg Nourjian, John Morgan, Jeff Progelhoff, Molly Vandemoer, Justin Assad, George Yioulos, Rob Simmons and Scott Norman

Absent:

Tim Cornell, Rob Barbera, Joel Stone, Chris Hemans, Bahman Kia, Alana Marks

I. President's Opening Remarks

Kyle Assad opened the meeting with greetings and remarks including the highlights of the past summer, the work on the schedule for next year, a very stable financial condition, the lessons learned from the clinics and increasing regional events and a long term predictable rotation of events.

II. Secretary Kovacs called for approval of both the AGM and associated board meeting as amended. Moved by Morgan and seconded by Deane. Unanimous approval.

III. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cornell report was presented by Kyle Assad. Class financials are excellent as we prepare for the next fiscal year. Revenues from North bolstered income along with strong regatta fees and membership. Kyle will follow-up with Brant Beach/John Barbano regarding the Women's North American fees.

IV. Executive Director and Development Director Reports: Scott reported on the summer events and the triple crown which included more regional events including the newly names Hunter Skinner Southeast Championship. He reported on the scheduling progress for next year. Working on resolving potential conflicts and filling out regional events. Membership is approaching 1000. There was some discussion regarding a coach representative for class events. He presented the draft Triple Crown criteria for 2024.

On behalf of Alana Marks a report was presented on the first year of Clinics. There is a schedule being developed for 2024. Lessons learned included reducing the fees, do coach clinics at the beginning and end of season and make the clinics more regional.

V. Measurer Report: Dan Bornath reviewed the correspondence with LP regarding their plan to start production of boats using Devoti to produce the boats. It was agreed that a Devoti produced boat would have to be delivered to USA/RI for full measurement and inspection for approval prior to boats being sold into the market. Kyle will clarify that LP is the builder and as such would have to use their branding and dealership network. LP is the builder and as such would have to procure sails and approved spars. Devoti cannot directly sell the boats.

VI. New Discussion Items:

- a. Sail Numbers: Kyle will work with Jody Lutz to ensure that the start line on the sails for numbers will accommodate five digits.

- b. Proposal for Coaches Committee: There was considerable conversations on the merits of a Committee including working with the ED/OA/PRO at events with a Committee Chair or designee as a single conduit of dialogue. Kyle will bring something to the Board for the January/February meeting.
- c. Structured Regional Rotations for NA and National Events: The ED will propose a method to look out several years for rotations for the events for planning purposes and logistics.
- d. Spinnaker Cloth Change: The Spin cloth will be changed by North for a new supplier. As with the changes with the recent Main and Jib the new Spin will enter the supply chain as they come available.
- e. Data Analysis: Kyle presented data sets of participants in HS events (Baker/Mallory) who are also C420 members. There seems to be a slight trend down, however keeping track of this overlap could be a way to continue to feed memberships. More to come.